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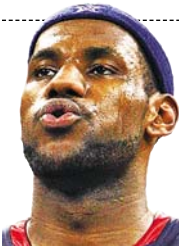
## Wednesday



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# No Charges in DOJ Hirings

Attorney general on scandal: Not every violation is a crime

NEW YORK | No criminal prosecutions are planned for former Justice Department officials accused of allowing politics to influence the hiring of prosecutors, immigration judges and other career government lawyers, Attorney General Michael Mukasey said Tuesday.

Mukasey used his sharpest words yet to criticize the senior leaders who took part in or failed to stop illegal hiring practices during the tenure of his predecessor, Alberto Gonzales.

But, he told delegates to the American Bar Association annual meeting, "Not every wrong, or even every violation of the law, is a crime. In this instance, the two joint reports found only violations of the civil service laws."

Other intrusions of Bush administration politics into department hirings and firings remain under investigation. Justice officials say the attorney general's remarks do not preclude criminal prosecutions if wrongdoing is



Mukasey

found in the firing of nine U.S. attorneys in 2006 and the hiring practices in the department's civil rights division.

The political controversies prompted Gonzales' resignation last year.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy said Mukasey "seems intent on insulating this administration from accountability."

MARK SHERMAN (AP)

## American's Golden Dream KO'd in Beijing



**PAINFUL LOSS:** U.S. Olympic flyweight boxer Rau'shee Warren leans against the ropes during his match against Lee Oksung of Korea Tuesday in Beijing. Warren, a favorite to medal, lost the match 9-8—marking a fast and disappointing end to his Olympics. ❖ **'Doesn't feel real':** Warren stunned by loss | Page 16

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# eyeOpeners

## DETENTION

### Statute of Limitations On Faked Gym Class Excuses Has Passed

The demolition of a Warren, Ohio, school has unearthed a personal time capsule: a wallet stolen from a student in 1964. Kareen Theresa Reese says she's "flabbergasted." She remembers feeling annoyed when her red cowhide wallet was taken from her purse at Warren G. Harding High School. Her temporary driver's permit was inside, so she had to get another. The wallet still held the original when it was found last week, along with tickets to a school play, an excuse note for gym class, photos and a half-stick of gum. The worker who discovered it inside a girls' restroom wall also found another wallet — from 2007. (AP)



## BUSES

### Random, Confused Toddlers Ride Free!

A 3-year-old boy wandered onto a St. Paul, Minn., bus but was reunited with his mother after she flagged down the bus from a taxi. D.J. Gunn was excited about taking a bus to school in the fall,

said mom Diane Pittman, and he apparently stepped onto the Metro Transit bus Thursday for fun. Pittman says she and her daughter were standing with D.J. near a bus stop. The boy's disappearance coincided with a bus' pulling away. Pittman quickly hailed a passing cab and signaled the bus driver to pull over. (AP)

## NAMES

### Aerosmith Pabst Svensson Hates Life

For decades, Swedish tax authorities had banned parents from naming

their children after fast-food chains, rock bands or their favorite brand of beer. But tax authority spokesman Lars Tegenfeldt says the guidelines have been relaxed. He says "there is nothing negative about a name like

Coca-Cola or McDonald's today. In the 1970s, maybe it was." Still, authorities are drawing the line at giving children swear words for names. And forget about naming your child God, Allah or Devil. (AP)



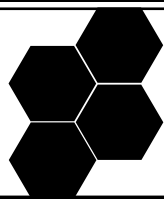
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## PUBLIC ART?

### Humans In Native Habitat

What could be more appealing than a fake beach populated with, let's say, not the most photogenic of sunbathers? In Madrid on Tuesday, an ice cream company used just such a tableau to lure passers-by to free ice cream. For some reason, we think the latter was probably the real draw.

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**OLDER, WISER:** Burger King said Tuesday it has parted ways with an employee in Xenia, Ohio, who was recorded taking a soapy bath in the restaurant's utility sink to celebrate his birthday. The nearly four-minute video was posted Thursday on MySpace.com.

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### THE TRAIL

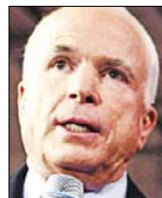
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#### FOREIGN POLICY

### 'We Are All Georgians'

Sen. John McCain said he talked with Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili Tuesday morning and told him he and his country have the support of Americans in their struggle for "freedom and independence."

McCain considers himself a friend and fervent supporter of Saakashvili



McCain

and Georgia, and has taken a hard line against Russia since the hostilities began.

"The impact of Russian actions goes beyond their threat to democratic

Georgia," McCain said. "Russia used violence against Georgia to send a signal to any country that chooses to associate with the West.

McCain said Saakashvili "knows that the thoughts and prayers and support of the American people are with that brave little nation as they struggle today for their freedom and independence. He wanted me to say thank-you, to give you his heartfelt thanks for the support of the American people."

McCain said he told him "that I know I speak for every American when I say to him today, 'We are all Georgians.'"

ROBERT BARNES

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# Report: Iraq Contractors Paid \$85B

## Study details military's increasing reliance on private military help

WASHINGTON | Military contracts in the Iraq theater have cost taxpayers at least \$85 billion, and when it comes to providing security, they might not be any cheaper than using military personnel, according to a report released Tuesday.

The Congressional Budget Office report comes on the heels of increased scrutiny of contractors in the last year, some of whom have been investigated in connection with shooting deaths of Iraqis and the accidental electrocutions of U.S. troops.

The United States has relied more heavily on contractors in Iraq than in any other war to provide services ranging from food service to guarding diplomats. About



An armored sport utility vehicle manned by private security contractors passes through Baghdad, Iraq. Private contractors have been a huge part of the war effort.

20 percent of funding for operations in Iraq has gone to contractors, the report said.

Currently, there are at least 190,000 contractors in Iraq, a ratio of about one contractor per U.S. ser-

vice member, the report says.

The study does not include monetary figures for 2008, so the total paid to contractors for work in the Iraq theater since the invasion of Iraq in 2003 is probably much

higher. If spending for contractors continues at about the same rate,

**190**

The number of contractors, in thousands, currently working in Iraq, according to the budget office report.

by the end of the year, an estimated \$100 billion will have been paid to military contractors for operations in Iraq.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., chairman of the Senate budget

committee, which requested the CBO review, said the Bush administration's reliance on military contractors has set a dangerous precedent.

The use of contractors "restricts accountability and oversight; opens the door to corruption and abuse; and, in some instances, may significantly increase the cost to American taxpayers," Conrad said in a statement. KIMBERLY HEFLING (AP)

# Plane With Cancer Patient Crashes

## All 3 passengers killed in accident; medical charities scrutinized

EASTON, MASS. | A small plane carrying a cancer patient to Boston went into a nosedive and crashed Tuesday in a grocery store parking lot, killing all three people on board, authorities said.

It was the third fatal crash in as



A chaplain prays at the site of a plane crash in Massachusetts on Tuesday.

many months for a network of charities that ferry patients to medical treatment.

The single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza went down in the parking lot of a Hannaford store in Easton, about 25 miles south of Boston, about 10:15 a.m., Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said.

The plane was being operated by Angel Flight Northeast, the region-

al branch of a group of volunteer pilots who transport people who need medical treatment but can't afford the trip.

Amy Camerlin, a spokeswoman for the Northeast organization, said a cancer patient and his wife were being flown to Logan International Airport in Boston so the man could be treated at the nearby Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"Right now, our primary concern is the family," Camerlin said. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family." RODRIQUE NGOWI (AP)

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The average score, on a scale of 1 to 36, of students who took the ACT in 2008, compared to 21.2 in 2007. The number of students taking the exam jumped 9 percent this year.



Leila Mikeladze, left, an immigrant from Georgia, listens as Khatuna Baghaturia, also from Georgia, speaks to a reporter in N.Y.

# In N.Y., Conflict Hits Home

## Brooklyn's sizable Georgian population frets over nation's fate

NEW YORK | Khatuna Baghaturia has spent countless hours in the last week talking on the phone with relatives back in Georgia and watching the bloodshed on the TV as her native country waged war with Russia. As if the sight of Russian troops laying waste to her homeland weren't enough, her three children happen to be vacationing in Georgia.

"Every bomb — we hope it's going

to be the last," said Baghaturia, who lives in Brooklyn and whose children have managed to stay out of harm's way. "It's like a bad dream."

The 37-year-old is one of about 20,000 Georgians living in the United States and about 5,000 in New York City — home to the nation's largest Georgian population.

They have spent the past five days making frantic phone calls home and praying in crowded churches in Brooklyn, where Georgians are scattered in different neighborhoods.

Baghaturia is a former teacher

who now runs a restaurant called Tbilisi in the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn. The borough is home to a sizable Russian population, creating the odd juxtaposition of people from two warring countries living side by side.

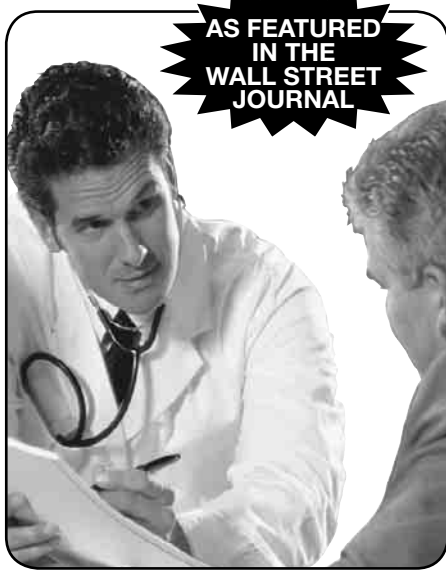
"They try to support us, they understand us; they come and say that, you know, we are really sorry, and we are your friends — and we are, we are," Baghaturia said.

Last weekend, there was no entertainment at Tbilisi.

"We said, 'People are dying; we can't sing and dance here,'" Baghaturia said. VERENA DOBNIK (AP)

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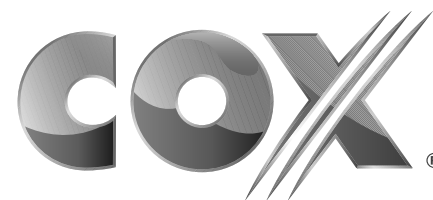


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## Nation



Mark David Chapman, the man who killed John Lennon, is seen in 1975.

## Lennon's Killer Won't Get Parole

Chapman's chance to get out of prison is denied for 5th time

ALBANY, N.Y. | John Lennon's killer was denied parole for a fifth time Tuesday by a board that said he remains a threat to the public.

Mark David Chapman will remain in New York's Attica Correctional Facility for at least two more years for gunning down the former Beatle in 1980.

Chapman, 53, has been in prison for 27 years since pleading guilty to the murder, which he has said he committed to gain attention.

In a decision issued after Chapman's appearance Tuesday, parole board members said they denied his parole "due to concern for the public safety and welfare."

The parole board said that although Chapman has had a clean disciplinary record since 1994, he told board members during the hearing that he planned and conducted Lennon's killing "with an essentially clear mind."

Considering that, the board said, his release "would not be in the best interest of the community."

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**BY THE NUMBERS:** A survey in the September issue of Consumer Reports found 44 percent of U.S. adults are what the magazine calls "problem sleepers." (AP)



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**EXTRA PERK:** A Stockholm woman is selling her apartment — complete with a live-in stepdad. A lawyer in Sweden says the woman inherited a share of the apartment after her mother died and is selling it to the highest bidder, despite her 52-year-old stepfather's refusal to move out.

# World

## In Brief

### MANILA, PHILIPPINES

#### Muslim Guerrillas Withdraw From Villages After Fighting

Muslim guerrillas, some carrying their dead, began withdrawing from several occupied southern Philippine farming villages Tuesday following fierce fighting with government troops that displaced nearly 160,000 civilians during harvest time, officials said. Nearly 3,000 troops and police, backed by bomber aircraft, regained control of two occupied villages in North Cotabato province on Monday. (AP)

### BAGHDAD

#### Female Suicide Bomber Kills 2, Narrowly Misses Governor

A female suicide bomber blasted an Iraqi convoy north of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing two people but narrowly missing a provincial governor in the second suicide attack by a woman in Diyala province in as many days. Gov. Raad Rashid al-Tamimi ordered an indefinite curfew in Diyala's capital of Baqouba, where the attack occurred. (AP)

## HEARSAY | DIALOGUE

"Talks will never collapse as long as we have tongues."

—ROBERT MUGABE, ZIMBABWEAN PRESIDENT, DENYING ON TUESDAY THAT POWER-SHARING TALKS WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS HAD FAILED. THERE WAS NO WORD ON THE OUTCOME OF THE THIRD DAY OF NEGOTIATIONS.

# Russia Orders Halt to Georgia War

Georgia says attacks go on after Kremlin agrees to cease-fire

TBILISI, GEORGIA | Declaring "the aggressor has been punished," the Kremlin ordered a halt Tuesday to Russia's devastating assault on Georgia — five days of air and ground attacks that left homes in smoldering ruins and uprooted 100,000 people.

Georgia said the bombs and shells were still coming hours after the cease-fire was declared, and its president, Mikhail Saakashvili, said Russia's aim all along was not to gain control of two disputed provinces but to "destroy" the smaller nation, a former Soviet state and current U.S. ally.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, speaking in Moscow, said Georgia had paid enough for its attack on South Ossetia, a separatist region along the Russian border with close ties to Russia.



Georgians wave flags as they listen to a speech by President Mikhail Saakashvili in Tbilisi, Georgia, Tuesday. Thousands gathered to show their support for Georgia.

"The aggressor has been punished and suffered very significant losses. Its military has been disorganized," Medvedev said.

Still, the president ordered

his defense minister at a televised Kremlin meeting: "If there are any emerging hotbeds of resistance or any aggressive actions, you should take steps to destroy them."

## Indian Forces Kill 13 Muslims at Rally

SRINAGAR, INDIA | Indian forces shot and killed at least 13 Muslim protesters on Tuesday as tens of thousands of people defied a blanket curfew in Indian Kashmir, the bloodiest day in nearly two months of unrest that has rocked this long-troubled Himalayan region.

Police and protesters battled each other through clouds of bul-

lets, tear gas and rocks, while in New Delhi, politicians again failed to find a solution to the crisis that threatens to shred the last tenuous threads binding the predominantly Muslim region of Kashmir to Hindu-majority India.

Angry Muslims took to the streets of cities and towns across Kashmir in spite of the first total



Paramedics carry an injured protester to a hospital in Srinagar, India, Tuesday.

curfew imposed on the region in 18 years to protest Monday's killing of prominent separatist leader Sheikh Abdul Aziz and four other people.

Violence has roiled the region since June 23, when Muslims and Hindus began tit-for-tat protests over a government proposal to transfer land to a Hindu shrine in India's only Muslim-majority state.

AIJAZ HUSSAIN (AP)

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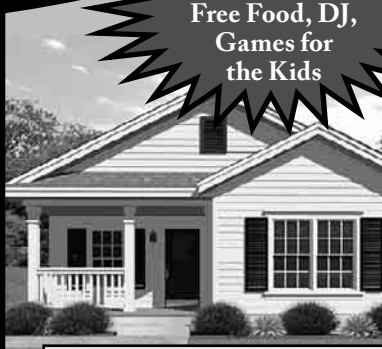
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The number, in millions, of Montenegro's registered cell phone users, according to the country's telecommunications agency. Montenegro has about 620,000 citizens.

# 'Open War' for Pakistan

Taliban blast kills up to 14 in response to offensives in northwest

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN | The Pakistani Taliban declared "open war" Tuesday in response to military offensives in the northwest, saying it staged a bombing that destroyed an air force truck and killed up to 14 people, including a child.

Authorities, meanwhile, investigated whether an insurgent reported killed in one of the military operations was a senior al-Qaeda commander. The offensive in the Bajaur tribal area reportedly has killed 160 people and caused tens of thousands to flee to camps farther north.

The blast in Peshawar, the main city on the restive frontier with Afghanistan, escalated the



A Pakistani police officer peers into a hole created by a blast on Tuesday.

conflict in a region where the new government is struggling to contain increasingly brazen militants. It dealt another blow to efforts to strike peace deals with hard-liners in the Swat Valley and other areas, pacts that U.S. officials contend would strengthen extremists.

"It is an open war between us and them," Pakistani Taliban spokesman Maulvi Umar told The Associated Press. "If these kinds of operations continue against us in Swat and in the tribal areas, we will continue this."

Pakistani officials could not be reached for comment or declined to react to the Taliban's statement.

The bomb hit the air force truck as it crossed a bridge outside Peshawar. The blast tore a hole in the bridge deck and reduced the truck to a smoldering wreck. RIAZ KHAN (AP)

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The number of Olympics tickets, in millions, Chinese organizers said have been sold. International Olympic Committee officials say there are too many empty seats at the games.

## World

# Olympic Song Was Dubbed

Opening ceremony used girl's face but another girl's voice

BEIJING | One little girl had the looks. The other had the voice.

So, in a last-minute move demanded by one of China's highest officials, the two were put together for the Olympic opening ceremony, with one lip-synching "Ode to the Motherland" over the other's singing.

The real singer, 7-year-old Yang Peiyi, with her chubby face and crooked baby teeth, wasn't good-looking enough for the ceremony, its chief music director told state-



Lin Miaoke, 9, lip-synched to another girl's voice at the Olympics' opening.

owned Beijing Radio.

So, pigtailed Lin Miaoke, a veteran of television ads, mouthed the words with a pixie smile for a stadium of 91,000 and a worldwide TV audience. "I felt so beautiful in my

red dress," the tiny 9-year-old told the China Daily newspaper.

Peiyi later told China Central Television that just having her voice used was an honor.

In a phone interview with AP Television News on Tuesday night, the music director, Chen Qigang, said he spoke about the switch with Beijing Radio "to come out with the truth."

"The little girl is a magnificent singer," Chen said. "She doesn't deserve to be hidden."

Also Tuesday, Beijing organizers confirmed that some of the opening ceremony's fireworks — 29 gigantic footprints shown "walking" toward the National Stadium — featured pre-recorded footage. CARA ANNA (AP)

## Bus Crash in Western China Kills 24

BEIJING | A bus overturned in a mountainous region of China's west, killing 24 students and their parents, state media said Tuesday.

The bus had been traveling on a remote highway in the restive west-

ern province of Xinjiang, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

Most of the dead were students who were on their way to have health exams necessary for admis-

sion to high schools in China's more developed east, the report said.

Also on Tuesday, attackers with knives killed three civilian guards at a roadside checkpoint in the province, extending a surge of violence in the region that has accompanied the Olympics in Beijing. (AP)



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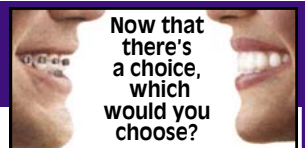
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## Money

# 'Sin Stocks' Buck Trends

**Budget-conscious consumers don't seem to be cutting out vices**

LONDON | As a global recession looms, what better way to cope than to eat, drink and be merry?

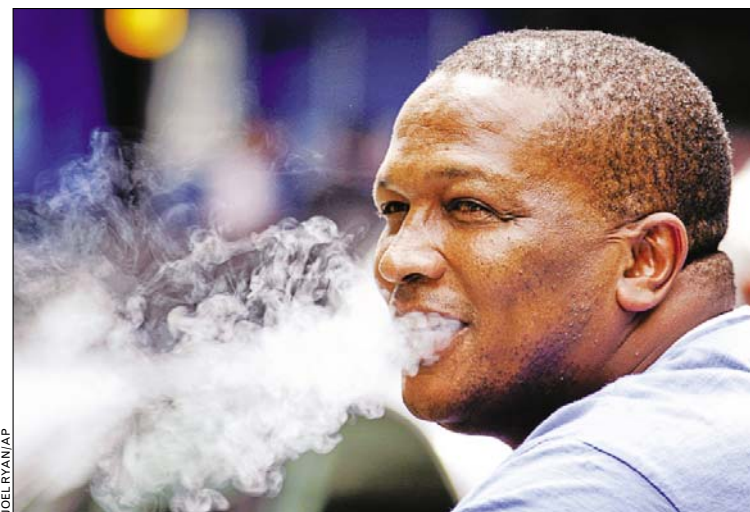
Even as consumers face soaring energy costs, rising food prices and higher mortgages, it seems they're not prepared to forgo many of life's little treats — alcohol, cigarette and candy makers are all reporting healthy sales amid the gloom.

"I would never give it up — not unless I was dying of alcohol poisoning or something," said Kelly Piggeln, a 62-year-old retired nanny, as she indulged in her favorite vices, a cigarette and a glass of wine on the patio of a London bar.

Piggeln's stance is being echoed by cash-strapped consumers around the world, a trend that is reflected in strong financial reports this season from some of the biggest so-called "sin stocks."

Sin stocks, ranging from gambling to liquor, are usually a safe bet in hard times. While shares in some of those companies have fallen along with stock exchanges this year, many are seeing strong sales.

Anheuser-Busch, the largest



A man blows cigarette smoke Wednesday in central London. The global economic downturn has not harmed so-called "sin stocks" such as liquor and cigarettes.

**It seems consumers aren't willing to give up beer, wine or cigarettes.**

brewer in the U.S., turned a profit in the most recent quarter despite fears that rising costs for raw materials would cut into its bottom line.

Philip Morris International said its earnings rose 23 percent

in the second quarter, and it raised its earnings forecast for this year, saying it had not been affected by inflationary pressures like other consumer products companies.

Not all the vices have profited. There are signs that Lady Luck has deserted gambling stocks, while the pornography industry is also not proving immune to the downturn. Moody's has downgraded the debt of almost 20 gaming companies, and four U.S. casinos have filed for bankruptcy this year.

JANE WARDELL (AP)

# 'Ideal' Weather Invigorates Corn Crop

**Dept. of Agriculture predicts second-largest harvest in U.S. history**

WASHINGTON | Farmers are on pace to produce the second largest corn crop and fourth largest soybean crop in history, which may lead to lower prices for the key grains, the government said Tuesday.

In its first estimates this year based on field visits and farmer surveys, the U.S. Department of Agriculture raised its estimate of corn production and said "nearly ideal" weather has helped Midwestern farmers recover from June's devastating floods.

That recovery is expected to lead to lower prices for corn, soy-



The Department of Agriculture has raised its estimate of corn production for '08.

beans and wheat. That may provide some relief to meat producers who use corn and soybeans for feed, for makers of corn-based ethanol and maybe even for supermarket shoppers.

The department forecasts farmers will harvest 12.3 billion bushels of corn this year, down 6 percent from last year's record crop of 13.1 billion bushels, but 17 percent more than the 2006 harvest. (AP)

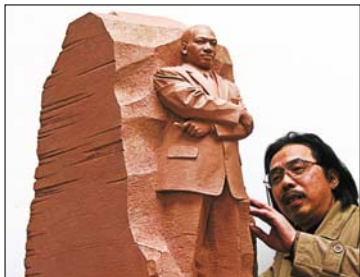


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The percentage of voters in Virginia, under the age of 35, of the more than 200,000 new voters who have registered since January, according to the State Board of Elections.

Local

## In Brief



MLK NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, FILE

Sculptor Lei Yixin with a model of the MLK Memorial, which will cost \$120M.

#### WASHINGTON

### Budget for MLK Memorial Up \$20M Due to Bookstore

The addition of a bookstore and rising construction costs are driving up the price tag of the planned Martin Luther King Memorial. The group building the memorial raised their fundraising target by \$20M on Tuesday to \$120M. Organizers say the additional funds will cover the bookstore, security enhancements required by the National Park Service and the rising costs of fuel and construction materials. (AP)

#### WASHINGTON

### New Woodrow Wilson High School Principal Talks Tough

New Woodrow Wilson principal Peter J. Cahall says he intends to shape the Tenleytown school into "the model urban high school in the United States." The former Montgomery County principal and administrator makes no secret of what he regards as his first priority. "We have to establish law and order," he said in an interview Monday. "The adults have to be in charge."

BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

#### WASHINGTON

### United Way Chief to Resign After Revamping Charity

Charles W. Anderson, chief executive of the United Way of the National Capital Area, announced Tuesday that he will step down to take a job at United Way of America's national headquarters in Alexandria. Since taking over the United Way affiliate that serves the Washington region five years ago, Anderson revamped the organization's leadership and sought to restore faith in the agency, which was tarnished by devastating financial and management scandals. (AP)

# D.C. Summer Jobs Director Resigns

## Program over budget by \$30M, plagued by organizational issues

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty said Tuesday that the director of the Department of Employment Services has resigned after weeks of turmoil in the city's summer jobs program, which blew its budget by more than \$30 million dollars and has been plagued with organizational problems.

Summer Spencer, who headed

the department for just over a year, will leave at the end of the month. Tené A. Dolphin, Fenty's chief of staff, will serve as the interim director for DOES, and mayoral spokesperson Carrie Brooks will step in as his new chief of staff.

The mayor, who returned from a trip to Beijing Monday, made the announcements as he prepared to deliver the findings of an internal report about the missteps with the summer jobs program.

The preliminary findings of the internal probe show that the

Department of Employment Services did not have an accurate count of students enrolled in



Fenty

the program, a Fenty administration official said last week. Though many participants quit or never showed up this year, their names remained on the payroll, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The program has been beset with problems this summer, from ballooning employment numbers that resulted from the lack of an employment cap, to a payroll system that made it impossible to tell who was actually working and who was merely registered, to a computer glitch that led to thousands of students not receiving their pay on time. Some students weren't doing any real work, instead sitting silently for weeks in an auditorium and classrooms.

MICHAEL BIRNBAUM (THE WASHINGTON POST)

#### WASHINGTON | BIKE-SHARING PROGRAM BEGINS



DOMINIC BRACCO/UTWP

**NEW WAY TO RIDE:** Ellen Jones tries out the new bike-sharing program in downtown Washington Tuesday. D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty on Wednesday will formally announce the program, which is comparable to those established in Barcelona and Paris, and is the first U.S. bike-sharing program.

## Silence in Md. Jail Death Questioned

The head of the local chapter of the NAACP said Tuesday that six weeks of silence by law enforcement agencies investigating the death of Ronnie L. White in a Prince George's County jail is undermining the credibility of county government and its corrections agency.

"While this investigation is taking so long, people are losing the trust that they had in the county government and it is a very big,

heavy cloud not only on the correctional officers ... but on the county," said June White Dillard, president of the Prince George's County Branch of the NAACP. "The longer it takes, people will begin to suspect that ... the county government is trying to do a cover-up."

White Dillard's comments come after a month without new public disclosures about the case.

AARON C. DAVIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Mid-day Pick 4	7-2-6-4
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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	0-8-2
Mid-day Pick 4	9-6-0-1
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## Cars



Although the 2008 Porsche Cayenne gets merely 13 mpg in city driving, Porsche's only SUV made it the lone automaker to post higher SUV sales in 2008 than in 2007.

# Economy Anomaly

**Inefficient Porsche  
Cayenne sells despite  
increasing gas prices**

**IRONIC** | The economy is sagging, consumers are fretting over high gasoline prices, and a more than \$43,000 sport utility vehicle with a city/highway fuel economy rating of just 13 miles per gallon is selling better this year than it did last year. Go figure.

German sports car maker Porsche is the only auto company this year to post overall higher SUV sales than it had last year. And Porsche has only one SUV: the Cayenne.

While the Cayenne is a tall and heavy SUV with room for up to five passengers, it's also distinctly Porsche, with amazing agility, impressive stability and an interior that can be swathed with luxury items.

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ANN M. JOB (AP)





"About two days ago, I got pretty upset, because since I've been here, they've tested me four times, and they took blood — a lot of blood."

— **Sprinter Asafa Powell** says there has been too much drug testing so far during the Olympics.

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# 2-0 U.S. Squad Focuses on Greece

Basketball team has date with nemesis after beating Angola

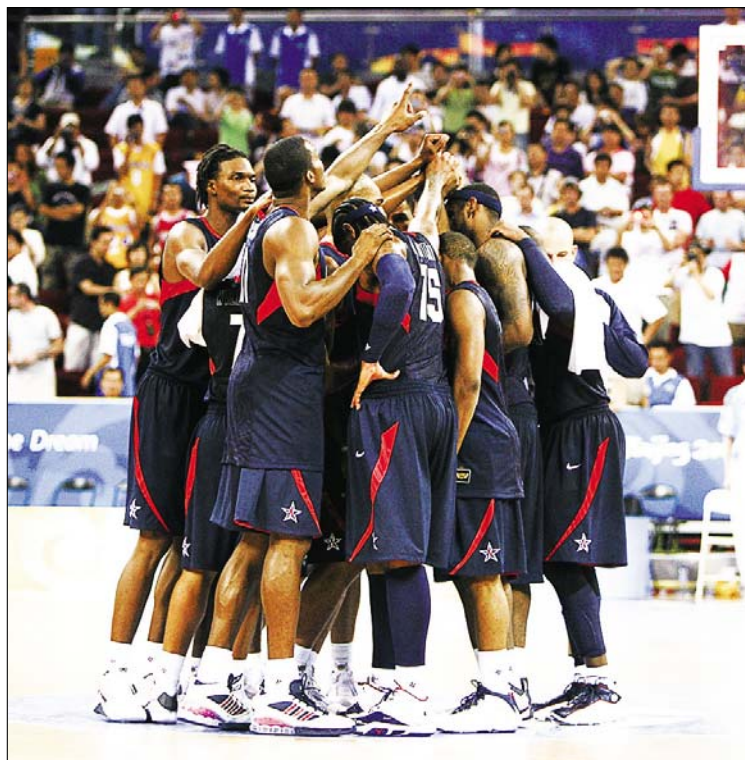
OLYMPICS BASKETBALL | LeBron James simply knocked aside over-matched Angola players like a schoolyard bully, going wherever he wanted on the basketball court.

Now come the teams that can push back.

Dwyane Wade scored 19 points, James dominated the game with his size and strength on both ends, and the U.S. men's Olympic team wrapped up the easy portion of its schedule with a 97-76 victory Tuesday night.

The Americans (2-0) Thursday face Greece, the team that stunned them two years ago in the semifinals of the world championship. The Greeks are physical, and they should provide the first test of these games for the United States.

"I'm expecting this game right



The U.S. basketball team huddles after beating Angola 97-76 on Wednesday morning in Beijing. The Americans next play Greece, which surprised them in 2004.

here to be tough," U.S. forward Carmelo Anthony said. "They know that we're coming back to redeem ourselves, and I'm pretty sure that they watch us a lot."

Though Anthony said the Greece game "has been circled on my calendar for about two years now," James said it wasn't hard to concentrate on Angola.

"We've got veterans, we're preparing ourselves; every night we're showcasing what we've been doing the last three years getting ready for this moment," he said. "So, we can't afford to go out and be lackadaisical."

Carlos Morais scored 24 points for 0-2 Angola. The final margin was much closer, thanks to some U.S. concentration lapses in the second half.

"We were not looking ahead. I thought we played with really good energy in spurts and played some really terrific basketball," U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said. (AP)

## MedalTracker



▲ UNITED STATES TOTAL: 22

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
CHINA	13	3	4	20
S. KOREA	5	6	1	12
AUSTRALIA	3	2	5	10
ITALY	3	4	2	9
RUSSIA	2	4	3	9
FRANCE	0	7	2	9
N. KOREA	1	2	4	7
GERMANY	4	1	1	6
JAPAN	3	1	2	6

### noted ...

#### Score One for Togo

Benjamin Boukpeti slammed his paddle in the frothy water to celebrate Togo's



first medal in the Summer Olympics. Boukpeti won bronze in single kayak slalom, and the crowd wildly cheered him on

as he neared the end of the whitewater course. "I really don't know yet what this quite represents," Boukpeti said. (AP)

#### Down to the Wire

Three Olympic men's handball games came down to winning shots in the final two minutes Tuesday. Alexey Rastvortsev scored in the 59th minute to boost Russia past Egypt 28-27. Alberto Rocas scored the game-winning goal in the 59th minute as Spain defeated Poland 30-29. And Jung Suyoung scored in the final minute as South Korea beat Denmark 31-30. (AP)

# American Softball Starts off Strong

OLYMPICS SOFTBALL | Four years later, Olympic softball remains lopsided.

The U.S. team began its run toward a fourth straight gold medal in record-breaking fashion as Jennie Finch pitched four no-hit innings and Andrea Duran drove in three runs, powering the Americans to an 11-0 rout of Venezuela.



Natasha Watley hit a two-run homer, Crystl Bustos hit a solo shot and Caitlin Lowe added an inside-the-parker as the U.S. set an Olympic record for runs in a game. And they did it just five innings before the game was halted by the

Natasha Watley rounds the bases after her two-run home run versus Venezuela.

run rule. It was a dominant performance like the ones the U.S. team strung together at the Athens Games in 2004.

Four years ago in Greece, the U.S. obliterated the tournament field, outscoring the other seven teams 51-1 to win their third consecutive gold. With 10 players back from that squad, the U.S. is expected to roll again, although Japan, Australia, China and Canada all can hang with the Americans. (AP)

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## Army Member Takes the Gold

OLYMPICS SHOOTING | Glenn Eller fired two more shots, then turned and pumped his fist. On behalf of his country — and the U.S. Army — he was an Olympic champion.

"There's nothing better to do for the United States," Eller said. "I don't know how to better represent them than to sit here with a gold medal in my hand."

Eller won the gold in double trap Tuesday, the first for the U.S. in shooting at the Beijing Games. The final round included two members of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit — Eller and fourth-place finisher Jeff Holguin. (AP)

### what to watch

#### baseball

**6 a.m.** Baseball begins on Wednesday, in what will likely be its last showing in the Olympics. The United States plays South Korea in the opening round and Cuba plays Japan in an intriguing matchup. MSNBC

**5 a.m.** Men's soccer, United States versus Nigeria. USA

**5 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Women's volleyball Cuba versus China; tennis; men's cycling time trial. Greco-Roman wrestling finals, table tennis. MSNBC

**10:03 p.m.** Men's 200-meter breaststroke final. NBC

**10:42 p.m.** Women's 200-meter butterfly final. NBC

**11 p.m.** Men's gymnastics individual all-around gold medal final. NBC

# Only One Goal — Stay on the Horse

U.S. gymnast knew he needed to nail his routine to get a medal

OLYMPICS MEN'S GYMNASTICS | Falling was not an option. Not for Sasha Artemev.

Not for the gymnast who'd been tossed aside more times than yesterday's newspaper but found himself standing there anyway Tuesday, getting ready for the final routine of the day. The one that would decide whether the Americans went home with an Olympic medal.

"I was telling myself, I'm not going to fall off this horse. Period," Artemev said, a promise he has repeated often but kept all too infrequently over his rough-and-tumble career.

This time, he stayed on. He leapt into the arms of his ecstatic teammates when it was over. He got the score he needed (15.35) to close the meet and help America secure a bronze medal that only the most enthusiastic optimists had thought was possible after injuries knocked Paul and Morgan Hamm off the team.

Paul Hamm's injury made room for Raj Bhavsar. Morgan Hamm's



Sasha Artemev had a near flawless routine on the pommel horse on Tuesday morning, securing the bronze for the U.S. team.

injury opened a spot for Artemev, the kid with the million-dollar talent and the 10-cent consistency.

Part of the beauty, and sometimes the pain, of watching Artemev over the years is how beautiful that pommel horse routine can be when done correctly. He kicks his legs higher, keeps them more together, slaps his hands

more in rhythm than almost anyone else. In the middle of the routine, he sets one hand on a pommel and makes a 360-degree pivot — almost impossible even by world-class standards.

The problem was that he got through the routine unscathed only 25 percent of the time in the meets that led to the picking of the

Olympic team.

"The most nerve-racking moment of my life," said Jonathan Horton, describing the feeling of watching Artemev. "But I know Sasha. There are so many naysayers out there who say Sasha crumbles under that kind of pressure. But I know better." EDDIE PELLIS (AP)

## Williams Sisters Win 3 in 1 Day

OLYMPICS TENNIS | Even by the lofty standards of the Williams sisters, three victories at the Olympics is a good day's work.

They won in singles and doubles Tuesday, and the toughest match

was the one they played together. Venus and Serena rallied in first-round doubles to beat Iveta Benesova and Nicole Vaidisova of the Czech Republic 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Earlier, the Williamses won sec-



ond-round singles matches. Serena beat Samantha Stosur of Australia, and Venus swept Benesova.

The sisters could meet in Saturday's singles final. (AP)

Venus and Serena Williams won their doubles match after losing the first set.



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**TRIBUTE:** Wearing the initials TB on one shoe and BB on another, the U.S. men's volleyball team paid tribute to its coach's in-laws in its win over Italy. The letters were for Todd and Barbara Bachman, the in-laws of coach Hugh McCutcheon, pictured. Todd was killed and Barbara seriously wounded in a knife attack Saturday.



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## OLYMPICS BADMINTON | AUSTRALIANS REACH BUT FALL SHORT IN ROUND OF 16



**IT'S A STRETCH:** Ross Smith and Glenn Warfe of Australia, pictured, lost in straight sets to Michal Logosz and Robert Mateusiak of Poland in men's doubles badminton in Beijing on Tuesday. Also Tuesday, Americans Howard Bach and Bob Malaythong became the first American pairing to advance to the quarterfinals.



Eric Shanteau swims in the Olympics, after recently learning he has cancer.

## U.S. Cancer Patient Advances

Shanteau will undergo surgery shortly after the Olympic Games

**OLYMPICS SWIMMING** | Cancer-stricken Eric Shanteau made his Olympic debut Tuesday night, easily advancing out of the 200-meter breaststroke preliminaries just a couple weeks before he will undergo surgery.

Carrying the hopes of cancer survivors he's heard from since going public with his diagnosis last month, Shanteau smoothly stroked his way through the four-lap race and qualified seventh in 2:10.29.

"This was the longest day of my life," he said. "That's why I'm glad finals are in the morning, because you wake up, you race and you're not sitting around thinking about it all day."

Defying conventional medical wisdom, Shanteau decided to put off surgery to compete in the Olympics, but only after being checked repeatedly to make sure the cancer wasn't spreading and threatening his chances of a full recovery. The 24-year-old swimmer from Lilburn, Ga., found out he had testicular cancer just weeks before last month's U.S. trials, where he upset Brendan Hansen to earn a trip to China.

"It was weird walking on deck," Shanteau said. "It almost didn't feel like the Olympic Games."

BETH HARRIS (AP)

## Just a Typical All-Time Olympic Great

Michael Phelps is like any other 23-year-old outside of the pool

**OLYMPICS SWIMMING** | In some ways, Michael Phelps is just your typical 23-year-old.

He hates getting up early. He wolfs down enormous amounts of pizza. He likes texting with friends, listening to hip-hop or just cruising around in a pimped-out ride.

Then he dives into the water. Nothing typical there.

In winning the 200-meter freestyle, Phelps etched his name alongside the winningest Olympians with the ninth gold of an already brilliant career that shows no signs of slowing down. Phelps had two more finals Wednesday morning in Beijing — the 200 butterfly and the 800 free relay,



Michael Phelps celebrates his third gold medal at this year's Olympics.

both of which ended after Express' deadline — and will be an overwhelming favorite in both races.

As of Tuesday, Phelps was 3-for-3 in Beijing — all of them with world record times.

"It might be once in a century you see something like this," teammate Aaron Peirsol said. "He's not just win-

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ning; he's absolutely destroying everything. It's awesome to watch."

Away from the pool, Phelps is a creature of habit. He struggles to wake up in the morning and loves to take naps in the middle of the afternoon. He usually gets two massages a day and takes ice baths to help his body recover. When it's time to race, there's no one better.

### Late Swims

→ Michael Phelps swam in two gold-medal finals that ended after Express' deadline. To stay on top of all the action while sitting at your desk, go online | **Today, Sports**

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"I don't think Michael will let his guard down until the last relay race," said his mom, Debbie Phelps. "I don't think he has a comfort zone at all until the whole meet is over, the whole Olympic Games. He will not let his guard down, because there's always someone out there."

PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)



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## U.S. Boxer Loses Amid Confusion

**Warren stops attacking  
in final seconds after  
thinking he was ahead**

**OLYMPICS BOXING** | While Lee Ok-sung got his glove fixed with 35 seconds left, Rau'shee Warren turned in his neutral corner and searched for a clear voice in the cacophony of shouted advice.

Warren swore he heard somebody in the stands yelling "Move! Move!," meaning the world champion flyweight had the lead and should simply avoid getting punched to win. His coaches were screaming the opposite message from their ringside seats, because Warren actually trailed 9-8 and needed to attack.

In a painfully perfect illustration of what might be the U.S. boxing team's biggest problem, Warren listened to what he thought his friends, family or teammates were telling him. It cost him a chance at the medal he waited four years to hang around his mother's neck.

Warren spent the final moments of his second Olympics with his gloves at his waist Tuesday night, dancing in a pointless circle around the South Korean former world champion.

The stunning loss — and the head-scratching way it ended — crushed the first two-time American boxing Olympian in 30 years.

"It doesn't feel real," Warren said, pulling up his red tank top to dry his tears. "I didn't feel like I lost the fight, because I was fighting hard, doing everything the coaches were telling me. To get this far and then lose, I don't even know what happened."



Rau'shee Warren declined the riches of pro boxing to try for a medal in Beijing.

After losing his first fight in Athens as a raw 17-year-old light flyweight, Warren declined pro boxing's riches and stuck around the amateur game solely for a trip to Beijing and his desire to present gold to his mother, Paulette. Instead, he got eight minutes of action capped by 35 seconds of awful confusion.

Warren didn't even know he had lost until he heard the news from U.S. coach Dan Campbell. He threw his headgear in disgust before the tears rolled, though he later apologized for being "unsportsmanlike."

"There was so much going on in the crowd," Warren said. "When I just stood there at the end, I thought I was up. To wait this long, and then to lose after one fight."

GREG BEACHAM (AP)

## U.S. Women's Soccer Scores Early

**OLYMPICS WOMEN'S SOCCER** | Heather O'Reilly scored less than a minute into the match to lead the United States to a 4-0 win over New Zealand and a spot in the quarter-finals of the women's Olympic soccer tournament.

O'Reilly put the defending champions on the board 40 seconds into the match, firing a long-range right-

footer over New Zealand goalkeeper Jenny Bindon. The U.S. then got goals from Amy Rodriguez in the 43rd minute, Lindsay Tarpley in the 57th minute and Angela Hucles in the 60th minute.

Tuesday's victory gave the U.S. first place in Group G with six points, avoiding a match with title contender Brazil. (AP)

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## Sports



Marcus Washington is always hyper. This year, he has even more energy than usual.

## Washington Hits New Hyper Level

Redskins linebacker is in good spirits because he's finally healthy

**REDSKINS** | After more than three weeks of hitting each other during the same old drills, the Redskins are supposed to be in the dog days of training camp. Not so on Tuesday, when the morning practice was one of the liveliest so far this year.

Cornerback Fred Smoot and guard Randy Thomas were jawing big time. Coach Jim Zorn helped fuel the enthusiasm by having the first-team offense run plays against the first-team defense.

And then there was Marcus Washington, bouncing around like a kid who had overdosed on candy. After a big defensive stop, Washington slapped hands with Smoot and playfully taunted the offense.

It's as if the ninth-year linebacker has discovered a new level of hyper, which is really saying something for him. This is a fun-loving player who is always full of energy, who makes

noises in the hallway at the team hotel from the pre-breakfast hours on game day and who has been told by coaches in the past to throttle back a bit — because no one can be 100 percent all the time.

Why is this man even happier than usual? Check the medical chart.

"Last time feeling this healthy?" Washington said, pausing with a deep breath as he pondered the question. "Maybe two years ago, when I didn't have anything really ailing me. It's always good when you don't have to go in the shop, as we like to say."

Washington played the 2006 season with a bad hip and a dodgy elbow. Last year, a hamstring injury kept him out of four games and limited him in others. He wasn't his usual self, certainly not the player who made the Pro Bowl in 2004.

"He has had a total healthy off-season. Now he has an opportunity, and you can tell," Blache said. "He is feeling good right now."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN)** The Nats are at home against the Mets, who trail the Phillies in the NL East.

**ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN2)** Baltimore's Jeremy Guthrie has been outstanding

in his last two starts. He's on the mound against Cleveland on Wednesday.

**LITTLE LEAGUE (7 P.M. ON ESPN)** Or, watch some people who really want to win during the Little League World Series.

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# Travel



**WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE:** The Mesker Park Zoo in southern Indiana has opened a new \$13 million Amazon rain forest exhibit. Zoo officials cut a vine, rather than a ribbon, to officially open the exhibit. The 10,000-square-foot Amazonia exhibit includes a jaguar, squirrel monkeys and more.

# Fall Comes but Once a Year

**Though if you time it right, you can find it for months on end**

**DESTINATIONS** | New England's fall foliage typically peaks in late September and early October. But across the country, leaf-peeping season runs longer than you might think.

Autumn comes early in Alaska, brushing Denali National Park with purple and gold in late August. In warmer climates and near sea level, fall colors can last well into November. Last year, trees in New York City's Central Park were still putting on a show the week before Thanksgiving.

And while New England is the undisputed queen of classic autumn scenery, other regions brag about foliage, too, from Yosemite National Park in California to North Carolina's mountains to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The U.S. Forest Service links to fall color



Fading green and gold leaves are seen on the trees lining Skilak Lake on the Kenai Peninsula, just south of Anchorage, Alaska, in late September last year.

reports in all but a few states at [Fs.fed.us/news/fallcolors/](http://Fs.fed.us/news/fallcolors/).

Verna Pratt, who has co-authored five books about Alaska's native plants, grew up in Massachusetts and admits that "nothing matches the maples" back East in the fall. "But there are things that bring good colors here in Alaska," added Pratt, who lives in Anchorage. "I love going up in the mountains in September here to see the yellows of the willows and the orange of the blueberries and the red of the bearberries and the purpley fireweed."

In most regions, color appears first in northern areas and higher elevations, then gradually spreads to valleys, coastal areas and southern regions. But precisely when the leaves turn, and how brilliant the colors will be, can't be predicted too far in advance, because it depends on early fall weather.

"One of the things that is really critical is cool nights," said Howard Neufeld, a professor of plant physiology at Appalachian

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## Entertainment



**SHAMELESSLY SLEEVELESS:** "Tropic Thunder" gives Ben Stiller, left, and his cast mates an excuse to show off their guns.

# Day of 'Thunder'

**Stiller successfully blends action and comedy in new film**

**WAR** | "Tropic Thunder," Ben Stiller's extravaganza of a Hollywood satire, couldn't be any more "inside-baseball" if it contained references to the infield fly rule and Rule 5 draft picks.

This movie-within-a-movie is

certainly his most ambitious production as a director, and it contains some of the biggest belly laughs of his career. But while it blends comedy and action sequences far more skillfully than "Pineapple Express," the endeavor winds up feeling overwrought and repetitive.

Stiller produced, co-wrote the script and stars as Tugg Speedman, an increasingly irrelevant action hero who now leads the ensem-

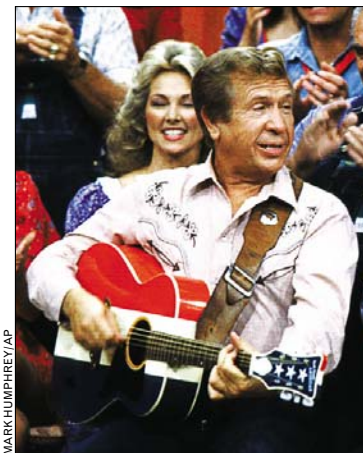
ble cast of the Vietnam War epic "Tropic Thunder." The film may be his last shot at redemption. When Tugg and his equally pampered cast mates turn out to be too distracted to commit to the production, and costs start spiraling out of control, the overwhelmed first-time director (Steve Coogan) leads them into the jungle to bond and fend for themselves. But what they think is a carefully crafted exercise

in make-believe turns out to be all too real when they run into a heroin manufacturing operation led by a preadolescent drug lord.

Jack Black is typically manic and a bit one-note as Jeff Portnoy, the drug-addicted comic star of the flatulent "Fatties" franchise. But it's Robert Downey Jr. who takes the humor to a daring, inspired level with his turn as Kirk Lazarus, an Academy Award-winning Australian actor who's so method-y, he undergoes skin-pigmentation surgery to play a black soldier.

While this sounds tasteless and offensive, a couple of factors make it work. First, of course, there's Downey himself, who's intelligent enough to bring nuanced bravado and even some surprising sympathy to the role. (He also delivers the film's funniest and most insightful speech about the strategy it takes to play mentally impaired characters.) And considering Downey's propensity for digging deep for his roles, including his Oscar-nominated performance in "Chaplin," it's a cute, sly in-joke to have him poke fun at himself in this regard.

The screenplay from Stiller, Justin Theroux and Ethan Cohen doesn't have anything particularly original to say about the insanity of Hollywood excess, but the film makes its points mostly in a lively way. That is, until the explosions and knowingly over-the-top moments of violence grow redundant. Having said that, make sure you arrive at the theater on time. The fake trailers at the start might be the best part. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



**GOOD OLE' BOY:** Co-host Buck Owen performs in a 1986 "Hee Haw" taping.

## 'Hee Haw' Returns To Homes

**Old comedy-variety show is returning to the tube next month**

**COMEBACKS** | Reruns of the old cornpone comedy-variety show "Hee Haw" are coming back.

The one-hour programs will air at 8 p.m. Eastern time each Sunday beginning Sept. 7 on cable's RFD-TV, which bills itself as "rural America's most important network."

"Hee Haw" was on the air somewhere for 28 years — first on CBS for two years starting in 1969, then in first-run syndication for two decades. Reruns aired on the old Nashville Network cable station from 1994 to 1997 and briefly on CMT in 2006. Country performers Roy Clark and Buck Owens were co-hosts, Clark for the entire run and Owens for 17 seasons.

The show, which got its name from the sound of a donkey braying, originated as a country version of "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In."

RFD, based in Omaha, Neb., with production facilities in Nashville, has been on the air since December 2000 and is available in 35 million homes. Its programming includes livestock auctions, tractor pulls and rodeo events.

**JOE EDWARDS (AP)**

# Stiller's Spoof: A Joke Too Far?

**Groups representing mentally disabled seek 'Tropic' boycott**

**CONTROVERSY** | "Tropic Thunder" is pushing the envelope too far for groups representing the mentally disabled. Dozens of people from organizations such as the Special Olympics and the American Association of People With Disabilities protested the movie-industry spoof across the

street from the film's Los Angeles premiere at Mann's Bruin Theatre on Monday. The protesters held up signs with slogans such as "Call me by my name, not by my label" and chanted phrases such as "Ban the movie, ban the word."

The groups are outraged over scenes featuring the liberal use of a disparaging term used to describe the mentally disabled. In the movie, Ben Stiller plays an actor cast in a war movie who previously had a role as a mentally disabled character.



Protesters hold signs criticizing the film "Tropic Thunder" in Los Angeles.

Following the original complaints from the advocacy groups, DreamWorks pulled some promotional materials, including a Web site that promoted the film-within-a-film starring Stiller's character that contained the tag line "Once there was a retard."

Special Olympics chairman Timothy Shriver calls for a film boycott. "This population struggles too much with the basics to have to struggle against Hollywood."

**DERRICK J. LANG (AP)**



## Entertainment



**NEW DEAL:** Showtime's drug-dealing mom on "Weeds" will now take on another independent woman, Henrik Ibsen's iconoclastic heroine in "Hedda Gabler." Mary-Louise Parker will star in the Roundabout Theatre Company revival opening in January.

# Not the Son of Spock

## Adam Nimoy details 'Star Trek's' effect on his life and father

ANTI-MEMOIR | "I'm going to write about the dark times," Adam Nimoy explained to his mother when he began working on "My Incredibly Wonderful, Miserable Life."

"Like when you and Dad were out of town on some 'Star Trek' press junket and I was strung out on the floor of that men's room downtown ..."

"That ... that never happened to

you!" Nimoy's mom protested.

"No, Ma, I know. But that's what people want to hear."

From his first meeting with a prospective agent, Nimoy had to hold on tight to the book he wanted to write. Agents wanted the dirt on growing up with "Star Trek" television actor Leonard Nimoy, who played Mr. Spock.

Nimoy wanted to write about his recovery from 30 years of addiction to marijuana and alcohol, about the crash and burn of his 18-year marriage, about raising two teenage children and, yes, about finding someone to love.

Writing the book was a way to pull himself out of the depressing hole his life had become. Not necessarily finding himself — that obnoxious baby-boomer phrase — but asserting his identity, separate from his father, from the marriage, from drugs.

In 1975, Nimoy's father, Leonard, then 44, published his own book about the fight for identity titled "I Am Not Spock."

In "My Incredibly Wonderful, Miserable Life," Nimoy writes about the consuming nature of his father's work, the many hours and the fans.

"Since the beginning, people have been coming up to Dad from every direction wanting something. ... Naturally, Dad had to be very guarded when dealing with these types of situations and oftentimes he forgot to let his guard down when relating to me."

Nimoy describes how, for years, he would "take my old man out of the closet in my mind and give him a good thrashing for all the hateful things he has said and done through the years."

It has taken decades, he writes, to stop resenting his father, mostly by working on his own.



Adam Nimoy writes about life with his kids, daughter Maddy and son Jonah.

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**PATERNAL LOVE:** Vladimir Nabokov's son Dimitri Nabokov says he will publish the author's last manuscript despite his dying request that it be burned: "Had my father really wished that this novel not be released, he would have destroyed it himself."

# Entertainment

# Time for Mr. Howard's Opus

## 'Crash' actor makes a musical debut with 'Shine Through It'

**MULTITALENTED** | It's 6:30 p.m. on a Friday in Los Angeles. The car ferrying Terrence Howard has just left the Orpheum Theatre, the downtown backdrop for such movies

and TV shows as “Dreamgirls” and “American Idol.” It’s where Howard will return the next morning to direct the video for “Sanctuary,” the soulful love ballad/lead single from his Sept. 2 Columbia debut, “Shine Through It.”

"This album is about bringing back the nostalgia for musicianship," he says. "Young kids are being

inundated with a watered-down version of what used to be music; an electronic idea of what used to be a feeling.”

Recorded in 11 days, "Shine Through It" reflects his diverse musical taste, ranging from pop to jazz and R&B. Calling to mind Phil Spector's storied Wall of Sound technique, the songs on "Shine Through

It" are mini-stories inspired by real life and arranged with a cinematic flair. It's a culmination of a musical dream the Cleveland native envisioned 16 years ago. That's when he first traveled to L.A. to audition for the Jackson 5 biopic "The Jacksons." But the stint led to more acting jobs such as "Mr. Holland's Opus."

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Terrence Howard's debut album takes a musical trip down memory lane.



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**TROPIC THUNDER (R)** 12:20, 1:25, 3:00, 4:10, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:10  
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**HANCOCK (PG13)** 9:35 PM  
**WALL-E (G)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:05

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**SPACE CHIMPS (G)** 1:30, 3:30  
**GET SMART (PG13)** 4:30, 10:00  
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# Television



**HELLO, DANNO:** CBS has given the green lei to a revamp of the island-theme police drama "Hawaii Five-O," the Hollywood Reporter wrote Tuesday. The show's being developed by Ed Bernero, executive producer of "Criminal Minds."

## 'Runway' Suddenly Stylish?

**Brooke Shields steps in to add zing to this season's blandfest**

**STAR POWER** | Brooke Shields may not be your average office employee, but she played one on "Suddenly Susan." So, that qualifies her to judge this week's "Project Runway" (9 p.m., Bravo) challenge to create an outfit for working women.

After last week's debacle, I can't imagine what they will come up with. Sooner or later, even the best reality shows succumb to the fact that they are reality shows, and their contestants begin to act not like normal humans but like creatures that will attract the most attention. How else do you explain Suede's obvious use of the third person or Blayne's obsession with tanning



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**INSPIRATION:** Brooke Shields modeled! Design nice clothes for her, please.

and his insistence on creating his own catchphrases?

Season 4's Christian ("Fierce!") may have resembled an overcaffeinated cartoon character, but

at least he had talent. The ratio of annoying characters to actual skill is way out of balance this season. There hasn't been one outstanding design to date.

And if last week proved anything, this bunch is not only self-absorbed, but they're possibly hard of hearing. When asked to design an outfit appropriate for the Olympic opening ceremony, only about two or three in the group actually listened.

Jennifer got the boot last week and not a moment too soon. She was timid and tentative, and had the annoying habit of calling herself a "surrealist," while appearing to have no grasp of the word's meaning. Perhaps Brooke Shields can talk some sense into this group. All but a few of them should be marooned in the Blue Lagoon. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

### ON TV TONIGHT

#### WELL, WHADDYA KNOW?

It's Peter Lorre day on TCM, and he plays a heavy in the 1934 mystery **THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH** (6:30 p.m.). Director Alfred Hitchcock remade this, his own picture, in 1956.

#### FLUFFY PREFERS FRESCOES

With billions of eyeballs turned toward the Beijing Olympics on NBC, competing networks have to get imaginative. That's why it's canine IQ night on **GREATEST AMERICAN DOG** (8 p.m., CBS). This one has something to do with dog paintings. As in paintings by dogs. Who can resist fine art?

#### WATER WORKS

The **MYTHBUSTERS** (9 p.m., Discovery) guys put viral videos to the test, particularly a popular one about a car's being levitated by the power of fire hoses.

#### KIND OF LIKE DISNEY

**TABOO** (10 p.m., National Geographic) returns for a fifth season, exploring behavior considered traditional and rev-



**TESTING YOUTUBE:** Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage take the Web to task.

erent by some and bizarre by outsiders. Tonight: self-mutilation in Malaysia and a cult of rat worship in rural India.

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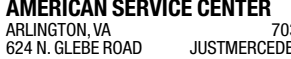
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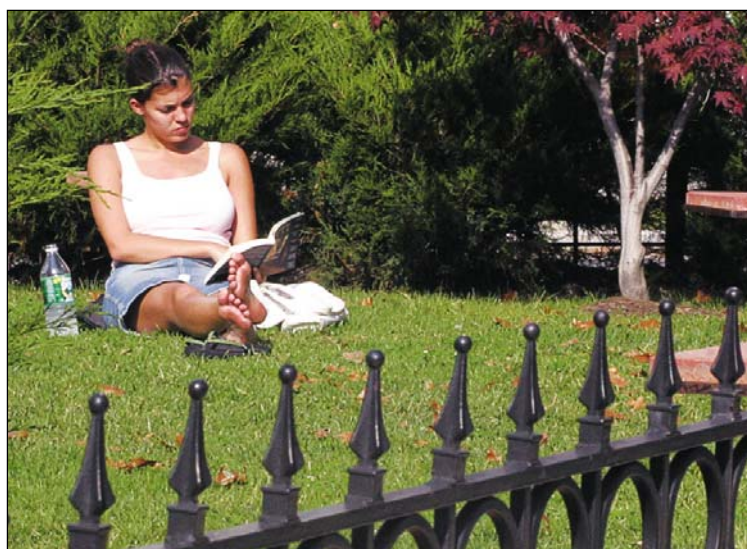
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But we do have some off-the-beaten-track offerings you can check out when you just cannot look at that T-Rex in the Museum of Natural History one more time.

## → Those Old Bones

The Museum of Health and Medicine was founded after the Civil War, and its collection is just as old. They have bits of Lincoln, bits of



**SONNY DAY:** A woman soaks up some rays on D.C.'s tiny tribute to Sonny Bono.

the man who shot Lincoln assassin John Wilkes Booth and the bones of soldiers through World War I who donated their bodies for display at the museum. Unfortunately, the place isn't as renowned as it used

to be, and donations of specimens have fallen off severely since the turn of the 20th century.

## → Break the Code

For the geeky child in your heart,

there's the National Cryptologic Museum, a free, public museum meant to give a kindly face to the National Security Administration. "Come look at this sweet Civil War codebook," they whisper.

## → A Little Bit of Bono

It's one of the saddest bits of green space in the city — a tiny patch of grass at O Street and New Hampshire Avenue dedicated to Sonny Bono, the former U.S. congressman and Cher companion who died in 1998. There's just room for a plaque explaining the purpose of the park, a bench and a tree. And you, babe. **FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)**

→ *Museum of Health and Medicine, 6900 Georgia Ave. NW; 202-782-2200.*

→ *National Cryptologic Museum, 9800 Savage Road, Fort Meade, Md.; 301-688-5849.*

→ *Sonny Bono Park, intersection of New Hampshire Ave., 20th St. and O St. NW.*

## thescene



Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam is a solo act at the Warner Theatre this weekend.

## ● THURSDAY

**American Idols Live:** The Fox singing show finalists warble in person. Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; 7 p.m., \$42.50-\$68.50; 202-397-7328. (Gallery Place)

**The Greencards:** Who knew the grass was blue in Australia and Britain? Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna; 7:30 p.m., \$15; 703-255-1566.

## ● FRIDAY

**"Pirates of Penzance":** The Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE; 7 p.m., \$20; 202-547-6839. (Eastern Market)

**Dr. Lonnie Smith:** One of the world's premier jazz organists. Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 8 & 10 p.m., \$25; 202-337-4141.

**Future:** Hip-hoppers throw a CD release party. With Panacea and Poor Man's Lobster. State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 9 p.m., \$10-\$12, \$50; 703-237-0300. (East Falls Church)

## ● SATURDAY

**Counting Crows and Maroon 5:** Big ol' bands share a bill. With special guest Sara Bareilles. Nissan Pavilion, 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow, Va.; 7 p.m., \$30.50-\$126; 703-800-7328.

**Eddie Vedder:** Pearl Jam singer flies solo. Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$77; 800-551-7320. (Metro Center)

**KICKS!** Dance to rock, punk and power pop with DJs Kim and Sara of PowWow. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW, 9:30 p.m., free; 202-667-4490. (U St.-Cardozo)

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## topstops



## Chamber of Popsters

Musical collective Margot & the Nuclear So and So's doesn't have a member named Margot, nor is there much that could be called, um, explosive about its music. The band's named after Gwyneth Paltrow's

chain-smoking, depressive character in "The Royal Tenenbaums," and the band has a relatively calm but beautiful sound.

It's been likened to bands such as Arcade Fire, and indeed it has a similar haunting, intoxicating vibe. Get hooked on a new gang of popsters tonight at the 9:30 Club. The Audrye Sessions and Revival take the stage first. **K.E.**

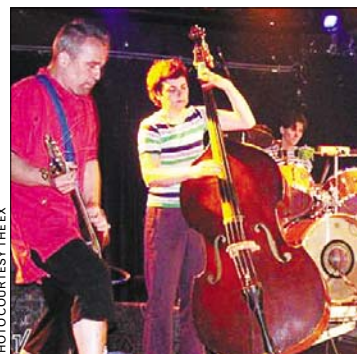
→ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., \$12; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo).*



## You Can't Teach That

**Wednesday night is baseball-theme movie night at the Capitol Riverfront, and stepping up to the plate is this week's offering, "The Natural." Robert Redford stars as Roy Hobbs, the athlete with a penchant for all things baseball. Other cast members include Glenn Close and Kim Basinger. Take the kiddies down and introduce them to a classic American pastime and a classic American actor. K.E.**

→ *Capitol Riverfront at New Jersey Avenue SE and Tingley Street SE; dusk, free; 202-465-7093. (Navy Yard)*



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## Spaces

### Capitol Hill work areas provide clues about presidential hopefuls

By their offices ye shall know them.

The personalities and personal histories of John McCain and Barack Obama are as evident in the artwork, books and mementoes in their Senate offices as in any words they may utter.

McCain's office oozes comfy clutter and informality: random piles of books, a fortune-cookie message taped to the desk, an abundance of tchotchkes and bric-a-brac.

Obama's office feels more like a gallery of modern art: precisely placed objects, sparsely adorned surfaces, clean lines, choreographed displays.

Both offices show their occupants' sentimental streak: McCain has a picture of his favorite high school teacher and a 1904 Navy register that lists his grandfather as a midshipman. Obama has a photo of the cliff in Hawaii where his mother's ashes were scattered into the Pacific and a tiger-beating stick from his grandmother's village in Kenya.

A walking tour of the offices of the presidential candidates sheds new light on their occupants:

#### MCCAIN

The Arizona senator's office was decorated by his wife, Cindy, when he moved into his current suite in the Russell Office Building in 1995. She shipped in rugged wooden furniture, Southwestern artwork, a rocking chair and even the brass chandeliers.

Since then the decor has, well, evolved.

Family photos proliferate in haphazard abundance. Gifts from foreign leaders — an antique sword, an

18th-century muzzleloader, a knife and sheath — are propped here and there, booty from overseas trips. Random stuffed animals are part of the scene, a dancing hamster in nautical attire among them.

McCain, an avid reader, has books stacked seven- or eight-high along the length of a windowsill.

The desktop is a repository for this and that: a Barry Goldwater bobblehead, a stuffed Teddy Roosevelt, foam dice, a mug full of bird feathers, a stuffed green witch with "Army" written on her hat, a bracelet bearing the name of a soldier killed in Iraq, various patches, rocks, coins and pins.

A note scrawled by a young constituent reads, "Please call us

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**ON MCCAIN'S DESK:** The Capitol Hill office of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., includes a Barry Goldwater bobblehead and other toys.

# Office Politics

## A tour of the offices of the presidential candidates sheds new light on their occupants.

or We'll call you." The desk itself once belonged to Goldwater, the Arizona senator much admired by McCain.

Many of the items in the office are trinkets that friends and visitors have handed the Republican senator.

"Some of them he finds really cute and he keeps them — and they stay, and stay and stay," said Mark Busey, the senator's chief of staff.

Slipped under the desk's glass cover is a handwritten phone number for McCain's spy-at-96 mother, labeled "Roberta at home."



Important pictures fill a wall in the Capitol Hill office of Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

#### OBAMA

Obama has been a senator only since 2005, and his office in the Hart Office Building has a fresh, clean look to it.

"He played a big part in putting it all together," said Ashley

Tate-Gilmore, the Illinois senator's executive assistant — right down to selecting the straw-colored tint of the walls. When the office was due for new carpeting, he wanted exactly what he had before. That particular carpeting had been discontinued,

but Senate officials eventually found an identical replacement.

Obama has a "wall of heroes" containing historic photos of those the senator admires. Abe Lincoln is there, as well as Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and John F. Kennedy. The arrangement includes a framed original program from the 1963 March on Washington during which King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. There also is a framed copy of the Life magazine cover from 1965 showing civil rights marchers in Selma, Ala. It is signed by John Lewis, a protester who was bludgeoned at Selma and now is a member of Congress.

Another of Obama's office walls displays a more personal collection of photos taken by his former personal assistant, David Katz, an amateur photographer. The photos show Obama in various political settings, such as the Democratic National Convention, but also in more intimate encounters with his family.

The decor is carefully choreographed. When an assistant shifted the location of one painting while Obama was away, the senator had it moved back.

"He's tidy. It stays tidy," Tate-Gilmore said. NANCY BENAC (AP)



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## MUSIC

### Welcome to Slumberland

Vivian Girls and Crystal Stilts are great new buzz bands that sound like mid-'80s British indie-pop and the early '90s noise-pop from D.C.'s Slumberland label. But both bands, which play DC9 on Wednesday, deny these influences, so Meg Zamula made them an educational playlist. | COMING UP



## TELEVISION

### Sitting for Comedy

Before reality shows invaded TV, sitcoms were the American public's drug of choice in the 1990s. While "Friends" and "Seinfeld" received the ratings, underrated shows such as "Caroline in the City" struggled to find an audience. Roxana Hadadi chooses five more underrated sitcoms from the '90s. | COMING UP

## MIXTAPE

### Ready for the Takeover

Wale has put D.C. hip-hop on the map, helping reveal a scene filled with talent. One of the most promising is X.O. (Jamaal Walton), a rapper with a new mixtape, "The Takeover, Part 2." Dayo Akinwande interviewed X.O., and you can download the mixtape for free. | COMING UP



## comment board

**“Is this** question a joke? People are tuning in to see Team USA compete, so why not show more American competitors?”

**COMMENTER MIKE**, WHO ADDED, "OTHER COUNTRIES' COVERAGE IS TAILORED TO THEIR ATHLETES AS WELL."

**“Don't get me** wrong — I love to see the Americans do well. But do we really need to see countless hours of preliminary games of beach volleyball?”

**COMMENTER DANCERDC**, WHO ADDED, "NBC CAN'T SPARE EVEN FIVE MINUTES [FOR] SPORTS THE U.S. DOESN'T NORMALLY DO WELL IN."



**“There's absolutely** no reason that a U.S. television network should not be pro-American. What is horrifying to me is the amount of antagonism that is projected by the media toward China.”

**COMMENTER EMMA**, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DO YOU THINK NBC'S COVERAGE OF THE OLYMPICS HAS BEEN TOO PRO-AMERICAN?"

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DO YOU THINK NBC'S COVERAGE OF THE OLYMPICS HAS BEEN TOO PRO-AMERICAN?

**NO** 62%

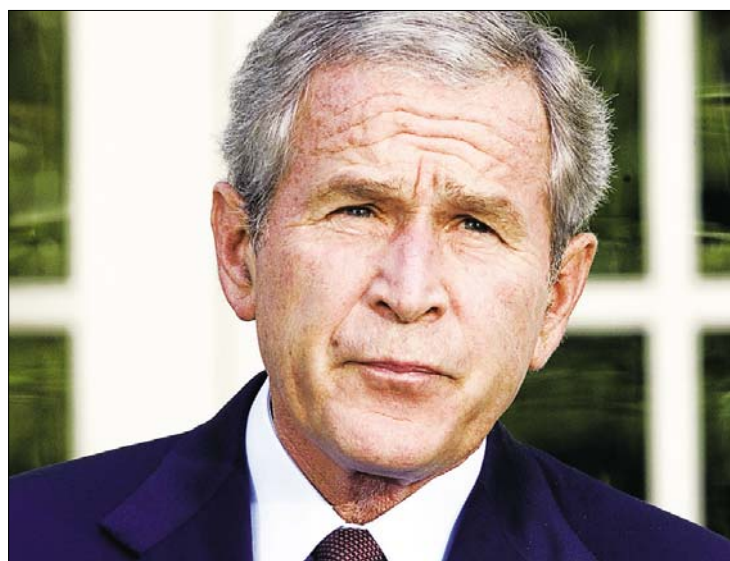
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**“I'M STILL SMARTING** over the news of his affair. Not because I think his personal life, or personal mistakes, are any of my business, but because of how this could have truly messed things up for the Democrats if he had become the nominee.”

**PUNDITMOMI.BLOGSPOT.COM** CAN'T IMAGINE HOW JOHN EDWARDS' LIFE WOULD HAVE POTENTIALLY RUINED THE CREDIBILITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

**“Is this weather giving** anyone else the creeps? It's really weirding me out. Yeah, it's awesome not to be sweating my [behind] off on the walk to the Metro, but it just seems wrong.”

**WASITFORTHIS.BLOGSPOT.COM** DOESN'T LIKE THE RECENT CHANGE IN WEATHER, ADDING, "AUGUST IS SUPPOSED TO FEEL LIKE A HOT, WET BLANKET, NOT MAKE ME WISH I HAD A JACKET AT HAPPY HOUR."

## Discussions

### Beijing Olympics

Washington Post sports writer **LIZ CLARKE** was online Tuesday from Beijing to answer questions about the first weekend of competition at the 2008 Olympics.

**Liz, have there been any restrictions put on you, or columnists like Sally Jenkins, about being critical of the games or the way things are being handled?**

Nothing overt. But this issue seems to be hanging over everything we do. I will tell you an annoying, disturbing thing that happened to me yesterday. The Post has its own Internet access here in the media compound, and it works great — just like at home. However, when you are at Olympic venues using

the Internet service provided by the government, it is not only much slower, but it freezes up altogether if you put certain key words in a Google search.

**What's the average age of China's "women's" gymnastics team?**

This is a question of great dispute. Officially, China's women's team has one 20-year-old; four 16-year-olds; and one 15-year-old whose birthday is Aug. 26. But there are many, Bela Karolyi included, who believe several are 14 or younger. There reportedly are documents from junior competitions that support this claim.

**President Bush seemed to be truly enjoying himself. Have you had a chance to chat with him? Do you think the U.S. athletes enjoyed his support or did they find it a distraction?**

As for the athletes, every one I have spoken with and every comment I've read suggests that they are genuinely honored that he was here to support them. The athletes themselves view the Olympics as a sporting event and not a political forum; and they seem grateful that the president shares that view and has come to stand with them. It has not been at all a distraction.

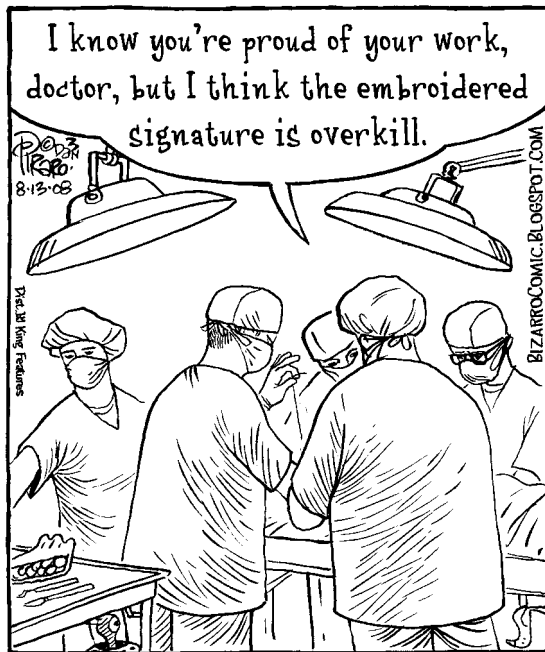
**How have you and the athletes adjusted to the time change?**

I can't imagine being a world-class athlete and going through a 12-hour time change and being expected to perform at par. It took me a few days to be able to write a coherent sentence!

**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:**  
Post food critic Tom Sietsema answers your questions and entertains your complaints about Washington dining at 11 a.m. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).



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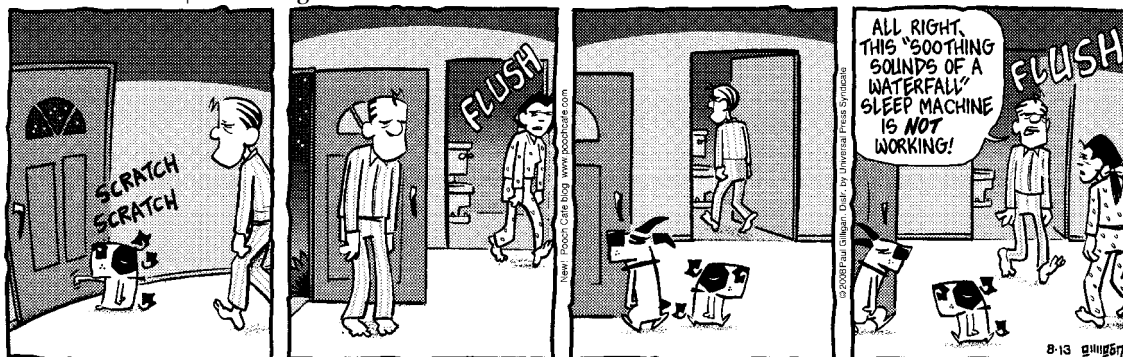


### Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"Forget it. No personal checks."

### Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Remember that it isn't over until you've actually been vanquished — or you give up, whichever comes first. There's no reason to quit.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** There is more to being impressive than showing off. Be willing to share what you know with those around you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You can do much to improve your record at the workplace simply by focusing on those things that are truly within your grasp.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You can save money — but you may want to think twice before passing up the bargain of a lifetime. Consider the pros and cons.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You may not want to continue along the path you chose for yourself only yesterday. Fear not: It's not too late to change your mind.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You've been doing the same things over and over again lately, and you'll have the

opportunity to break the pattern and explore some novelty.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You have an important decision facing you that could possibly change the course of your life — at least temporarily.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Be sure that you're not making too much out of nothing. Concentrate on those things that are truly important to you and others.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You will be in a fine position to recognize a few important things about yourself that have gone unnoticed — by you — in the recent past.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your cultivated, easygoing manner may cover up some underlying tension for a while, but eventually a friend will see through the veneer.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your reactions to unexpected circumstances may surprise even those who know you best. You're turning a corner and approaching new terrain.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** One way or another, you'll be able to find the answer to a perplexing question.

## Letters

### Turn Down Your Attitude

**IT'S TRUE THAT** some people with headphones on play their music too loud ("Turn Down the Volume," Aug. 12), but it is ludicrous to think Metro Transit Police should patrol Metro cars to enforce a silly head-

phone ordinance. People should be considerate of fellow riders, but it's time for letter writer Sandy Sarvis to move to another location on the train if this offends her so much. In this day and age of worldwide conflict, I think we can find better things to complain about. Get over it.

—WILL J. REICHENBACH  
Alexandria, Va.

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**1521** Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captures Tenochtitlan, present-day Mexico City, from the Aztecs.

**1624** French King Louis XIII names Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.

**1846** The American flag is raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

**1910** Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, dies in London at age 90.

**1961** Berlin is divided as East Germany seals off the bor-



Rove announced his resignation in '07.

der between the city's eastern and western sectors and begins building a wall in order to halt the flight of refugees.

**2007** President Bush's top political strategist, Karl Rove, announces his resignation.

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ANGELINA JOLIE's first post-twins role will be one that was slated for Tom Cruise, according to the Hollywood Reporter. The lead role of a CIA officer trying to prove he is not a spy will now be a female role. The film's current title, "Salt," will also change. (AP)

UNEXPECTED Random Pairing of the Day



Former Blink-182 bassist MARK HOPPUS sued a father-and-son business Monday, alleging they pocketed his investment in a venture to install automated check-out machines at McDonald's restaurants. (AP)



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LAWSUITS

In Detention?

A music producer has sued VANESSA HUDGENS, star of Disney's "High School Musical" series, for \$5 million, claiming the actress and her father have violated their contract and repeatedly failed to pay him his share of her earnings. That agreement, Johnny Vieira states, called for him to equally share in advances, royalties and merchandising from Hudgens' career. (AP)



FADS Madonna Embraces Dickensian Fashions

French fashion house Givenchy will help dress MADONNA for her "Sticky & Sweet" tour. Designer Riccardo Tisci worked with Madonna to create two outfits, one of which Madonna is expected to wear during an opening number, said a Givenchy spokes-

Every woman needs a satin frock coat for fall.

woman. The opening outfit is a frock coat in black stretch satin, she said. The other ensemble, to be worn in the third act of Madonna's show, is a long cape worn over a black dress embellished with colored ribbons "to give it a Gypsy look," she said. (AP)

SAD McMahon's Accountant Sues for Being Overworked

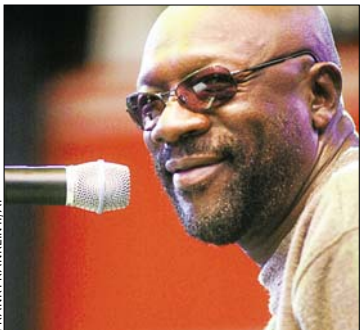
ED MCMAHON is being sued by another creditor. Westmoore Lending sued McMahon for more than \$275,000, saying the former "Tonight Show" sidekick owes from a 2006 loan. A growing number of creditors



say McMahon and his wife owe them money. Other actions have targeted debts incurred for the couple's home, prescription drugs, credit cards and daughter's divorce. (AP)

DEATHS Hayes Likely Died of Stroke

Authorities in Memphis say ISAAC HAYES apparently died of a stroke. The deep-voiced soul singer died Sunday after he was found unconscious at his Memphis residence. No official determination has been released by the medical examiner's office or filed with the Memphis health department. (AP)

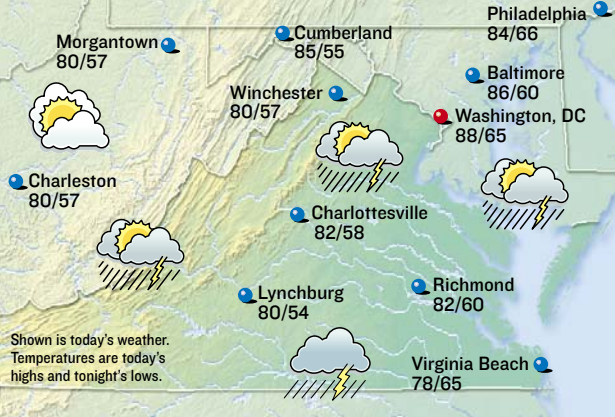


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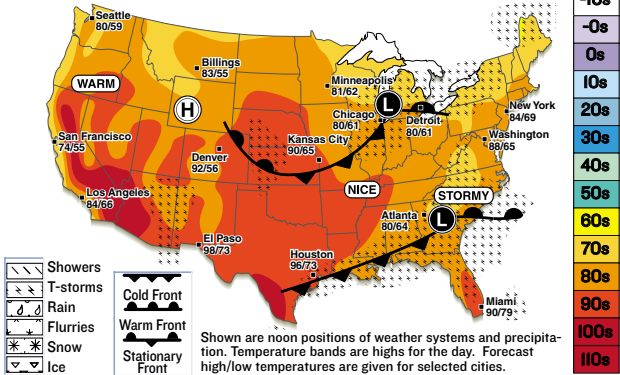
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Sun and Moon

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Sunset tonight ..... 8:05 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 6:23 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 2:47 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, August 13



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	80/64/t	84/68/w
Boston	81/63/s	79/64/pc
Chicago	80/61/t	79/59/pc
Dallas	96/73/s	96/76/s
Denver	92/56/pc	80/51/t
Honolulu	89/74/s	89/76/s
Los Angeles	84/66/pc	84/66/pc
Miami	90/79/t	92/77/t
New York City	84/69/s	86/71/pc
Orlando	90/72/t	86/74/t
Seattle	80/59/s	85/60/s

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	65/56/sh	67/54/pc
Athens	94/76/s	94/77/s
Berlin	75/56/s	74/56/pc
Buenos Aires	61/39/s	63/45/pc
Calgary	70/49/c	78/51/s
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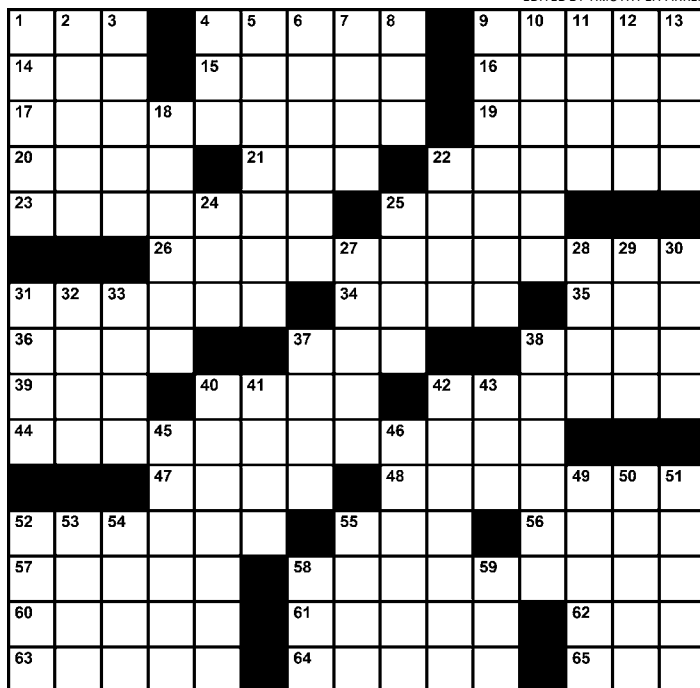
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### ACROSS

1 Tiny one of fiction  
4 Computer giant  
9 Where Crockett last stood  
14 "Be My Yoko \_\_\_\_" (Barenaked Ladies song)  
15 It can give you deja vu  
16 Florentine statue  
17 Intelligent beach material?  
19 Became an issue  
20 Bear of a constellation  
21 Rebus pronoun  
22 Ten- percenters  
23 International understanding  
25 Sulfuric substance  
26 Intelligent carnival game player?  
31 Some trains  
34 Luau instruments, briefly  
35 Cinereous stuff  
36 Purim's month  
37 Word often given an unnecessary apostrophe  
38 Earthenware material  
39 Diner owner, on television  
40 Too  
42 Ancestor of the adding machine  
44 Intelligent salon offering?  
47 Jazz singer Anita  
48 Bacon portions  
52 Male goose  
55 Word with "egg" or "luck"  
56 Company VIP  
57 Straighten, as

### DOWN

58 Intelligent grooming tool?  
60 Waterlily painter  
61 Grade of beef  
62 Author Stanislaw  
63 Dumbfounded expression  
64 Shaped like a rainbow  
65 Number in a Dickens title  
1 Small plumed hat  
2 Bury  
3 Like a fresh brownie  
4 Place for beastly couples?  
5 Money in Madrid, once  
6 Communication with the divine  
7 Debussy's "Clair de \_\_\_\_"  
8 Lineman furthest from the center  
9 Slow musical movements  
10 Texas city known for its streets?  
11 Skin-So-Soft seller  
12 Waterfall sight  
13 Horatian and Pindaric  
18 Augustus succeeded him  
22 Hurt all over  
24 Stanley Cup grp.  
25 Grills  
27 Produce, as a show  
28 Powder ingredient  
29 Genesis hunter  
30 "Wide Sargasso Sea" author Jean  
31 Mary's pet  
32 European river

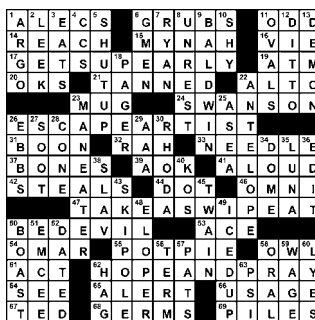


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33 Colombian cartel city  
37 "\_\_\_\_, old chap"  
38 "My Antonia" writer Willa  
40 Spaghetti recipe phrase  
41 "You made that up!"  
42 College environment  
43 Clear tables and such  
45 Boarding-house resident  
46 Like the ending

of "Romeo and Juliet"  
49 Rejoice  
50 Mend a split in one's pants  
51 Jerk, in slang  
52 Legs, also in slang  
53 Tremendously  
54 Ship of discovery  
55 Roseanne, originally  
58 Place to unwind  
59 Stream

### Yesterday's Solution



## SUDOKU | MEDIUM

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### Yesterday's Solution

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8	4	2	5	1	6	3	9	7
6	3	9	7	2	8	5	1	4
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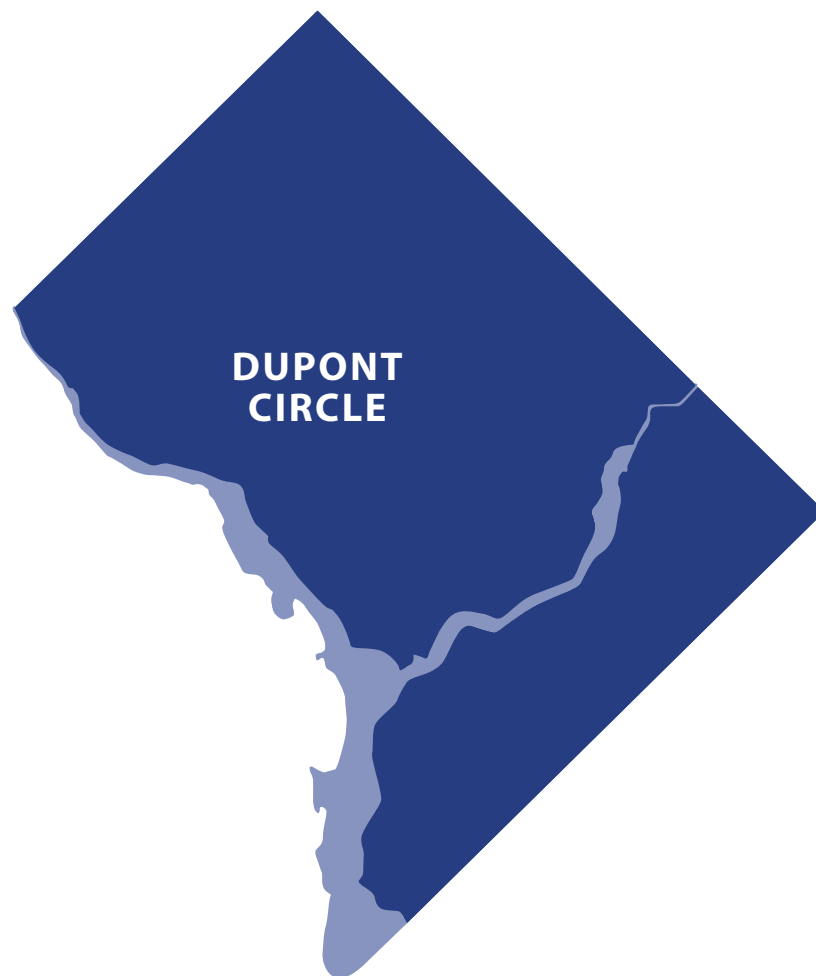


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**HOW SWEET IT IS:** Nisha Sidhu, owner of Co Co. Sala, says her chemistry background helps her understand chocolate's properties and come up with new treats at her Penn Quarter chocolate lounge.

## Now They're Cooking

RIGHT-BRAINED WASHINGTONIANS CHOOSE TO TURN UP THE HEAT

**With its blown sugar sculptures** displayed in glass and five-course dessert tastings, Penn Quarter's newly opened chocolate lounge, Co Co. Sala, is Nisha Sidhu's laboratory for sweet. Here Sidhu, 38,

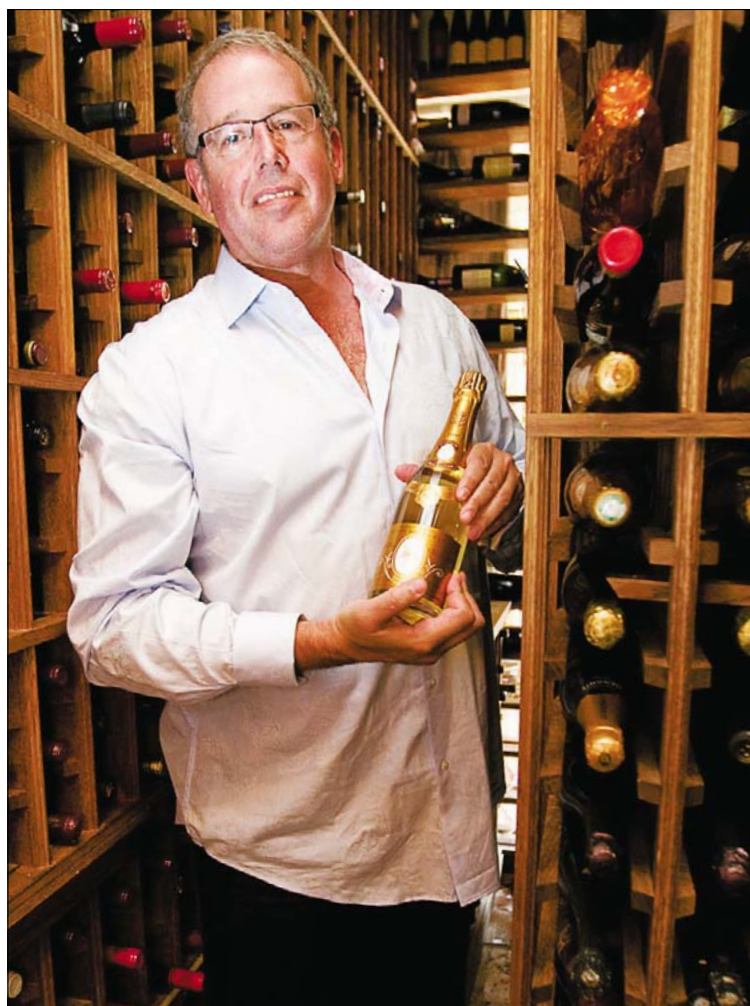
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IT'D BE LIKE IF YOU LOVED TO GO ON THE WATER SLIDE, AND PEOPLE CAME UP AND SAID, 'HERE'S SOME MONEY; GO PLAY ON THE WATER SLIDE.' **E10**



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**PROOF OF CONCEPT:** Mark Kuller opened Proof last year after 20 years in tax law. The wine-centered restaurant also offers artisanal cheeses and charcuterie.



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## Food, Glorious Food

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experiments with chocolate-covered bacon, chocolate caviar and hot candy bars. It's unlike any of the labs that the former biomedical engineer has worked in most of her life: Sidhu's last pre-pastry job was designing medical equipment for the Navy.

"I always had a passion for pastry," says Sidhu, who started baking as a child. "But I was brought up with parents saying you should be an engineer." While at the Navy, she took a few classes at L'Academie de Cuisine, but the idea of making it a full-time career came only after she left her job in 1997 to stay at home with her kids. By the time she decided to get back to work five years later, she was too rusty in engineering to return. So, she decided on pastry, an idea she had been toying with while developing her domestic side as a mom. "It wasn't a surprise, but my parents couldn't understand why I wasn't happy staying at home to bake cakes," says Sidhu.

It turns out that pastry isn't a far leap from engineering either.

Assembling showpiece sugar and chocolate sculptures involves drawings similar to architectural designs. And knowing chemistry helps Sidhu create fun, new sugary treats. "Chocolate is such a complex substance because it's a crystal," she says. "You have to really understand its molecular structure."

Washington is peppered with people like Sidhu who traded in left-brained desk jobs for open kitchens. The world of food has beckoned lawyers, lobbyists and others with visions of sugarplums filling their daydreams. With little more than a passion for food and business

savvy developed in previous careers, many have opened their own eateries. Meanwhile, many overeducated chefs behind the kitchen doors made the switch after adding culinary school to their list of degrees.

But restaurants aren't all candy land: long hours, grueling work and high stakes can make the food world even more demanding than answering to Congress. Still, those who made the leap have never looked back.

For Michael Babin, president of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group, the decision to leave behind appropriations lobbying came 11 years

ago. Babin, 40, was working long days at Charlie McBride Associates while attending Georgetown law school at night. He wrote the business plan for Evening Star Café for a class. At the same time, one of his dot-com clients burned him by hiding important information, shattering his trust in working for others. He decided to make Evening Star a reality in Alexandria so that he could work for himself instead.

"Restaurants are a known quantity," says Babin, who researched local eateries and talked to other owners before taking the plunge. "I could get a real feel for the business, plus I

love food." His background comes in handy. Besides negotiating leases, he says that every time he plans a new restaurant or changes an existing one of his group's five, it's like drawing up a business plan for a new client.

Evidence of Mark Kuller's tax law background comes in the form of Proof's newly opened summer sidewalk patio in Gallery Place. Getting the permits took months of wrangling with city officials, something Kuller, 55, has plenty of experience with after practicing tax law for 20 years. For years, he toyed with the idea of opening the type of restaurant he loved to frequent. But he only started researching property in 2005 after recovering from a divorce. "The idea had been percolating inside of me, but it's hard to leave a big-time law firm and big money," says Kuller. "My feeling was that I could always go back to law if I failed."

To prepare for Proof's opening, Kuller set up a panini press and held wine tastings in his living

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MARK KULLER, RESTAURANT OWNER

room. He talked to other owners and researched restaurants like A.O.C. in Los Angeles. The pie-in-the-sky dream came true when the wine-centered restaurant opened its doors last year. Now Proof's dining room is packed every night of the week, and it's winning nods from restaurant critics.

If anything, Kuller has learned that he has been too successful. "I never expected people would linger for two or three hours — my competitors do a lot more business," he says. And even though it pays less, owning a restaurant has made Kuller the envy of his high-profile law colleagues. "A lot of people come and say to me, 'You are living my dream.'"

For Kuller and Babin, it took law degrees and business experience to start a restaurant, but those looking to work in one need a different kind of education. It took Sidhu more than five years to go from engineer to Co Co. Sala's owner. She gradu-

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ated from the professional Pastry Arts program at L'Academie de Cuisine in 2003 and then worked at 2941 in Virginia before setting up her own shop.

Former model and accountant Carla Hall, 44, jump-started her own company, Alchemy Catering, with cookbooks, only later rounding out her background with cooking school. The Howard University graduate worked as an accountant at PWC and then left for Europe to model at runway shows like Betsey Johnson and Workers for Freedom. She fell in love with food in Paris while showing off her svelte frame. In Europe, though she did not cook, she picked up cookbooks lured by beautiful photographs and complete "how tos" on Italian and French cuisine.

After three years in Europe, she returned to Washington, living with her sister while figuring out her next move. "The fluke came when I made food for my sister's baby shower in 1991," says Hall who by then had started experimenting with her cook-



**SUGAR RUSH:** Nisha Sidhu's chocolates and blown-sugar creations come from a background in engineering. She previously worked for the Navy, designing medical equipment. (And, yes, that sculpture to the left is edible!)



books. She brought the leftovers to a friend's workplace. Inspired by her friend who said that she wished she could eat like that all the time, the next day Hall loaded a basket with creamy, sweet chess pies, turkey biscuits and lemon blueberry bread and sold them at nearby offices. Within a week, the Lunch Bunch had seven clients. For four years, she cooked soup, breads, cakes and other food, concentrating on making healthy food for the black community.

Then in 1995, she, too, went to the L'Academie de Cuisine to bone up her skills. After graduating, she worked in hotel kitchens before starting Alchemy Caterers, where she has prepared food for Al Gore's political fundraisers and corporate clients like the Smithsonian. Now Hall is the teacher, leading classes at Sur La Table. Still, she says, it takes more than training to be a good chef. "You have to put love in your food," says Hall. "If you are not in a good mood, the only thing you should make is a reservation."

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**A DRIVEN MAN:** Grossbard trained for two full days per week for eight weeks.

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Grossbard, a self-described politics and history junkie, says the Mall "still moves me every time," despite leading tours full time (sometimes six or seven days a week).

**Talent, wit, knowledge and business skills all make a great guide.**

court, anyone?).

Brian Grossbard loves it. He handles tours full time for Guide Service of Washington, the area's oldest and largest tour-guide company. "I get the opportunity every day to see Washington through the eyes of someone seeing it for the first time," he says. "I'm a news and political and history junkie, so the Mall still moves me every time."

Grossbard has worked for the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (in activities), Hillel Foundation (running a college center) and the Jewish Community Relations Council in Cincinnati (public and

community relations). While living in Israel, he trained as a tour guide, "which basically means learning the whole country."

After moving to Washington with his wife and caring for their daughter, now a toddler, "I decided to do something I was passionate about," so he contacted the Guild of Professional Tour Guides of Washington, D.C., for options (WashingtonDCTourGuides.com).

To lead tours in the District, only a license and two-year residency are required — though talent, wit, knowledge and business skills help. Community colleges and other organizations offer formal training, but Neil Amrine, president of the 44-year-old Guide Service of Washington (202-628-2842; DCTourGuides.com), says his is the only local one that guarantees work

for those who make it through.

Grossbard, 37, trained last winter — eight hours a day, twice a week for eight weeks. Most training is on foot and a bus. "We teach the routes, where to park, what to say and not say, the best order to go in, how long to spend, where to stand for good photos," says Amrine.

"We do practice sessions with the mic: 'Tell us how to get to Georgetown.' The driver might play dumb and get lost. That could really mess up traffic — another reason we train people in January and February." The course and a two-year license cost about \$600; enrollment averages 25 to 30.

Amrine's company has 100 guides on contract, most of them older or retired. They are paid by the tour, without benefits but with gratuities.

On average, freelance tour guides earn \$35 to \$40 an hour with a four-hour minimum, says a well-connected, 22-year Washington guide who has worked with dozens of clients and destination management companies. Those who also help private clients with suggestions or group appointments at museums can earn \$50 an hour.

"I have friends in offices who make money hand over fist and are miserable," Grossbard says. "My pay's not in the same ballpark, but it doesn't have to be, because I have so much job satisfaction."

Though clients include conventioners, foreigners and marching bands, Grossbard works mainly with middle-schoolers. At the Vietnam and World War II memorials, "kids are so moved by something that happened years before they were born. I want them to see the mementos left there, the notes and buttons and teddy bears. Eighth-

graders clap, cheer, and thank these veterans for their service. They can learn and get the context and pass that understanding along."

Adults "want more depth and detail. I can connect the wars for them," he says. "The first thing I tell them is please don't take offense if I sound over-knowledgeable about things I didn't live through but they did."

And since Eliot Spitzer resigned as governor of New York in March, "they all want to drive past the Mayflower [Hotel]," the location of

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his infamous call-girl tryst. "That's become a hot spot."

Hours are flexible. Grossbard makes himself available six or seven days a week, but most guides work daily in spring and sporadically the rest of the year. Days include downtime — between gigs or waiting for groups as they tour, say, a Smithsonian museum, all of which have their own docents — during which guides can read a book or grab a snack.

There are grins, too. Many people think Washington and Jefferson are buried at their iconic memorials. Kids often want to know why Mount Rushmore isn't nearby; Grossbard tells them "we don't have big enough mountains."

And there are potentially life-changing moments. In May, a two-bus group arrived at the Supreme Court with students and parents — one of whom had clerked for Clarence Thomas years before. The taciturn justice closed the courtroom, talked for 30 minutes and took questions for 45 more.

Grossbard and a fellow guide watched in awe. "That sort of thing makes my job worthwhile," he says.

Grossbard remembers being a student on the same sort of tours the kids take today. "I love living in a place that people love coming to," he says. "If you like the outdoors and have an interest in teaching our history, I really encourage you to do this." ELLEN RYAN

**Change Artists**



# Small but Caffeinated

## As Starbucks falls, independent coffee shops ride out the economy's woes

After Starbucks Coffee recently announced it was closing 600 stores, the questions started almost immediately for Howard Schultz, the man who turned the Seattle company into a coffee behemoth, and for Dale Roberts, the proprietor of the Java Shack, a tiny coffeehouse in Arlington.

"How is everything?" people asked Roberts. "I didn't realize things were so bad," they added.

Schultz's answer to the questions is to get a little smaller to concentrate on doing things better.



**BEAN INDIE:** Dale Roberts' Java Shack is not just weathering the poor economy, but flourishing in it, with sales and foot traffic up.

Roberts' answer to all the questions: "We're fine."

In fact, he is more than fine. His first-quarter sales were up 23 percent. The second quarter: up 12.5 percent. His foot traffic is up. His business is energized. Not only has Roberts survived an onslaught of Starbucks shops but now he feels he is doing to them what everyone thought they would do to him: beating 'em.

"I think there is a surge of people wanting to go back and feel at home with coffee," Roberts said, sitting at a corner table in his shop. He's not blind to the irony: "We were the people they were trying to get rid of."

Roberts' shop and other independents are not solely responsible for Starbucks' troubles, which many analysts are blaming on extreme over-expansion. But analysts and other coffee business owners say the massive size of the Seattle-based chain has provided an opening for smaller, craftier operations to thrive.

Roberts' coffee empire measures no more than 1,500 square feet,

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## Small-Time Java

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including the outdoor patio. The walls inside are yellow and blue. Outside, he lets customers paint the tables. The baristas make the espresso themselves, no matter how many salesmen come through with an automatic machine that would steam the milk all on its own. The person making the drink talks to the customer who ordered it. The scene is what Schultz originally intended with Starbucks, but even he now admits that atmosphere has drifted away as the company has grown.

But little independents are not immune to many of the problems

**“I think there is a surge of people wanting to go back and feel at home with coffee.”**

DALE ROBERTS, COFFEE SHOP OWNER

Starbucks faces, including the soaring cost of milk. Analysts say that Starbucks can weather those surges better than independents because it buys in bulk from major distributors. Roberts looks for milk deals at Costco.

Martin Mayorga, whose coffee-roasting operation has blossomed into several Mayorga coffee shops in the Washington region, said his prices are a little higher than Starbucks', but his retail business is growing by about 9 percent. "It's an odd time," he said. "I almost feel like I'm missing something. Maybe I am benefiting from the decrease in foot traffic."

Are people like Mayorga happy that Starbucks is having problems?

"God knows there are many people who would love to see me fail," he said. "I've learned never to be happy when someone else fails."

But he's an entrepreneur, too, and he knows to jump through an opening when he sees one. He is negotiating to lease a new space in Maryland where Starbucks planned to open but backed out. The broker called him instead.

"It's a crazy thing," he said. "This great opportunity opened up."

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### Premier Careers

→ **NAME:** Rosemary Fallon

→ **JOB:** Paper conservator at the National Portrait Gallery

→ **SALARY:** According to the U.S. Department of Labor, conservators earn between \$26,360 and \$46,120 on average.

→ **WHAT SHE DOES:** Conservators examine and treat documents, artifacts and works of art using laboratory techniques to preserve them. They can specialize in specific areas like documents, paintings or textiles. Fallon specializes in paper conservation, which means she works with anything on paper. At the National Portrait Gallery, this can

include things like watercolor portraits or photographs. "Because paper has an inherent fragility, you are somewhat limited with what you can do," Fallon says. "The nature of the material is different."

→ **WOULD YOU WANT THIS JOB?**

Fallon uses microscopes, digital photography and spectrometers — all connected to computer systems — regularly while working on pieces. Whenever her equipment changes, Fallon has to adjust the way pieces are analyzed. "Everything technology-wise is always being updated," she says. She also spends time doing administrative work — talking to curators, photographers and working out the logistics of an exhibition. Conservators can also work as private contractors, often working in their own studios, doing conservation work for private clients.



Rosemary Fallon specializes in paper conservation at the National Portrait Gallery.

Fallon says she likes working with the museum curators and learning about the individual pieces she works on. "If you work privately, you don't necessarily have that," she says. "I think it has its pros and cons."

→ **HOW YOU CAN GET THIS JOB:** A graduate degree is required for anyone interested in pursuing conservation work. Only a few graduate programs in the U.S. — eight in all — specialize in conservation, so competition is fierce. Courses in art

history, studio art and chemistry are recommended for undergraduates, as well as internships or apprenticeships. Before Fallon earned her graduate degree, she worked as a map cutter in the conservation lab at the NPG. She then went on to graduate from Columbia University with a degree in paper and book conservation.

→ **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** The National Portrait Gallery opened its Conservation Center for public viewing in July 2006. Museum-goers can check out conservators at work on the third and fourth floor. Kiosks and videos display information for anyone interested in a conservation career. The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works also keeps track of graduate programs for potential conservators. EMILY BARTON

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# Brush Up Those Basics

## As summer draws to an end, refresh your career with 9 important tips

You never want to mess up a chance for a good job. Especially not when openings are few and half the people in the area seem to be competing for them.

Even if you're happy where you are, these tips from local experts might help. "It's a big mistake to think, 'They'd never lay me off,'" says Lynne Waymon, CEO of Contacts Count, a nationwide training firm in Silver Spring. "Ha, ha — they sure can!"

First, from Robbie Miller Kaplan, author of nine books including "Sure-Hire Résumés":

### 1. Does blasting your résumé to employers' fax machines or Web sites make sense?

Use your network to get your résumé into the hands of the hiring manager. It's still the best way to circulate your résumé.

### 2. What's the easiest mistake to avoid?

Creating a cookie-cutter résumé without taking the time to research



**ON ALERT:** According to local expert Lynne Waymon, being on your guard when it comes to your career is never a bad thing.

jobs of interest, learn the most desirable qualifications or express your unique qualities.

### 3. When starting out, is it more important to emphasize education or job history?

Begin with your most valuable qualifications. Ask, "Is my degree more viable than my experience?" "Dos my experience, internships,

externships, leadership or volunteer activities align with the job requirements?"

Tips on networking from Waymon of Contacts Count and co-author of "Make Your Contacts Count":

### 1. What's the biggest misconception about networking?

That it's about talking and taking. Instead, it's about teaching and giving.

The best way to promote yourself is to promote others.

### 2. How do you make an elevator speech not sound canned?

In just two sentences, tell about a time when you saved the day, solved the problem or served the client. This breaks people's listener pattern; they're used to hearing titles.

### 3. How should I best find a mentor?

If there's no formal mentoring program at your company, try an association. Networking works best if you're totally aboveboard. Ask, "You seem experienced in this field. Can you recommend anyone?" If the person likes you, she may offer herself; otherwise, you may just get a recommendation.

And from Beth French, district manager for Randstad, which connects employers with both temporary and permanent employees:

### 1. Do you have to wear a suit to the interview?

It's very important to dress appropriately, which usually means conservatively. In a business-casual place, you don't necessarily need a suit, but wear a shirt and tie or a nice blouse with a skirt or pants.

### 2. What else makes the best presentation?

Be on time or early. Take out piercings; cover any tattoos. Bring a copy of your resume and a small portfolio with paper and pen. Shut off your cell phone or beeper, or leave it in the car. Don't interrupt.

### 3. What about your thank-you note?

Keep it short. Note your value as an employee and your continued interest in the position. If you met several people, follow up with your contact to get all e-mail or postal addresses. We find that these days either is appropriate. ELLEN RYAN

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## Getting Ahead



**LISTEN UP:** Dave Eskola learned from orators (former employers and recordings of JFK) how to “write for the ear.”

# The Write Stuff

## Would-be scribes have more options than ever; here are three ways to do it

“I’m a writer” is a phrase so broad it’s almost meaningless. Example:

Eric Kimball is writing. He knows how his story ends and he knows how it begins, but the middle is muddled. His outline so far says “stuff happens” — shorthand for “I’ll figure out what happens here later.” He stands, sighs and goes for a walk around the block to clear his head.

Kimball, 33, isn’t a novelist or a writer of short stories. He doesn’t fit the stereotype of the lone wolf sitting in a dusty study, banging away at the keys of a laptop or scribbling with a favorite pen, praying the mail will bring checks, not rejection letters. Kimball writes comics.

“I like dialogue, I like well-turned phrases,” he says, “and I don’t like description that much. I’ve never enjoyed the sort of, ‘His hair was like a summer stream.’ I can never get it to work right. I like listening to people talk.” So, Kimball decided not to fight his tin

ear for description and let an artist draw his stuff.

Christiana Trenum is writing. She’s pulled out one of the three notebooks she keeps with her, jotting journal entries that will someday become music. The 23-year-old singer-songwriter from Gainesville, Va., wants to go full time with music

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**ERIC KIMBALL, COMIC WRITER**

in the next year and a half, but not necessarily as an artist. “My plan of attack is I will be pitching music to some publishing companies ... just selling my material.” Until then, she’s working in marketing while penning her songs.

David Eskola is writing. Coffee cup by his keyboard, stacks of reference books on his desk — Strunk and White, Stedman’s Medical Dictionary, a well-worn thesaurus.

By the end of the day, he’ll need to have a speech written for the president of the American Medical Association. That’s a tight deadline, considering the old adage: “It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.” So, he types away, hoping to get a draft done before lunch.

So, if you write it, they will come. Good news for linguaphiles who don’t like traditional writing careers laid out in MFA programs — poet, novelist, what have you — but who want to put their word-slinging skills into something a little more in-depth than composing an e-mail.

But you have to pay your bills, too.

“There’s money in comics ... but there are very few people with an extremely comfortable career,” says Jason Rodriguez, a local comic writer and editor whose anthology “Postcards: True Stories That Never Happened” scooped two Harvey nominations and one Eisner nomination. Rodriguez and Chris Piers, another D.C. comics scene notable, teach a Writing for Comics workshop at the Writer’s Center in Bethesda, covering both the craft of writing and the business of pitching scripts to publishers.

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public speakers ... Bumpers was considered one of the best orators in the Senate." That pushed him in the direction of speech writing, and Eskola finally moved to the American Medical Association in 2001.

Does none of these careers sound appealing? "Being able to just write a sentence in English, to communicate a thought clearly, puts you ahead of 90 percent of the people out there," says Eskola. Writers can put their pens to work on greeting cards, slogans,

**Plenty write for love, not for cash. But some types of writing gigs can be very lucrative.**

blogs, even catalog copy. (Somebody has to describe Skymall's nose-hair trimmers and automatic tie-rollers, after all, and by all accounts, it's a fun place to work. "I totally have a ton of our junk, and I love it," says Joey O'Donnell, who works in the marketing department of the Phoenix, Ariz.-based company. "Where else can you get an upside-down tomato garden or a garden yeti?")

The money does vary; blogging, for example, isn't known for paying much (yet), but commercial writing can be very lucrative, with a nationwide median hourly wage of \$35.

Of course, plenty write for love, not for cash. Kimball, for example, took Rodriguez and Piers' class to "get better at what I'm doing." Kimball's online comics (Exiern.com, for one) are making "a little bit of extra spending money" through an online donation system. He writes the dialogue, pays a freelance artist to illustrate the pages, and pockets a little more on the side — which he then reinvests in his fledgling business, out of what he says is a sense of duty. "It would be like if you love to go on the water slide, and people came up and said, 'Here's some money; go play on the water slide.' I love it.

"People are reading my comic and people are paying me to make a comic I love. ... I feel an obligation to do it as best I can."

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Speechwriter wannabes can join the **WASHINGTON SPEECHWRITERS ROUNDTABLE**, which occasionally sponsors workshops and networking meetings.

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#### VISUAL THINKING

Writers of comic scripts are responsible for dialogue and for knowing how to create a storyboard or pace a scene, explain Jason Rodriguez and Chris Piers, pictured.

Rodriguez — who still has a day job, despite spending hours most nights working on his comic projects — explains that most of the money a comic book writer sees is from the extras: selling T-shirts, movie rights and so on. "Just look at the people who work on one book — with 'Postcards,' there were 32 people working on that book ... and they all get their cut."

Same with the music biz. When that guidance counselor told you there was no money in your high school band, she wasn't just commenting on your musical ability.

Jen and Scott Smith of Baltimore-based Naked Blue led a workshop in Alexandria on the craft of song writing — to be successful, they said, a writer has to juggle

artistic integrity with commercial appeal, going as far as to track song trends from week to week. They release their own music (up to five albums now), but they supplement their income by producing records for other bands and doing marketing work. "They're little side things that are in the [music] business but not strumming a guitar," says Scott Smith. Still, the duo has been remarkably successful by music-world standards: They've toured the United States, the United Kingdom and Germany; sold their songs to other musicians; and seen their work appear in film and TV.

Others in the music biz may not be so lucky: according to BMI, a music rights organization, a songwriter may earn only \$500 in his

lifetime unless he manages to score a top-of-the-charts hit. (More detailed salary information was not available from BMI at the time of publication.)

Speech writing is a bit different, as many here are employed full time. But according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the competition for these jobs, as with any career that welcomes wordsmiths and English majors, is fierce.

David Eskola, 46, got into speech writing after he won a fellowship to study telecommunications policy on Capitol Hill. "I liked it so much I decided to stay," he said. So, he started doing press work first for Rep. Jim Chapman, D- and then Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark. Both were "very skilled



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